

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 538

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred S.B. No. 538 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CARE FACILITY INSPECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Health for the posting of care facility inspection reports on the Department's website.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

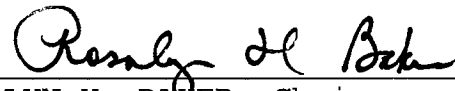
Your Committee finds that the Department of Health is responsible for licensing, certifying, and monitoring several types of care facilities. Although these inspections are performed using state monies to ensure a standard of quality of these facilities, the information in the inspection reports is difficult for the public to access. Act 213, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, was enacted to require, among other things, the Department of Health to make available to the public, free of charge, information collected from the Department's inspections of certain care facilities occurring on and after January 1, 2015. However, because of a lack of resources and staff, posting of the inspection reports for all of the specified care facilities by the Department of Health has not been consistent, leaving the public frustrated. Providing additional resources to the Department of Health to continue to make available its care facility inspection



reports will benefit the public by granting greater access to information on the conditions of care facilities in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 538 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Health,



ROSALYN H. BARER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
CPH

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB538	Committee Referral: CPH, WAM	Date: 2/8/17		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
CHANG, Stanley	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les				/
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				/
TOTAL	5			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center;"><i>Clarence K Nishihara</i></div>				
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