

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 670

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1599

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services & Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 1599 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY PLACEMENT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to require the Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Human Services (DHS) to maintain an inventory of various community-based facilities.

The Disability and Community Access Board, State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD Council), and Hawaii Disability Rights Center testified in support of this bill. DHS and the Arc in Hawaii supported this measure with amendments. DOH provided comments.

Unfortunately, due to the tight time constraints of the legislative calendar, your Committees did not have an opportunity to address the concerns raised by the DD Council. Therefore, your Committees respectfully request the Committee on Finance to consider amendments suggested by the DD Council to include adult foster homes. Additionally, your Committees have concerns about the use of the term "regular basis" with regard to the reporting requirements by the departments, and believe it should be specifically defined. Your Committees respectfully request DOH and DHS to collaborate to develop and maintain one shared database and to confirm the cost of maintaining it.

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As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services & Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1599 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Human
Services & Housing,



MAILE SHIMABUKURO, Chair



JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



