

Honolulu, Hawaii
January 25, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2688
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2688 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, AND THE OMBUDSMAN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds to provide for the expenses of the Legislature and its service agencies.

More specifically, this measure provides for the expenses of the Legislature, Office of the Auditor (Auditor), Hawaii State Ethics Commission (Ethics Commission), Office of the Ombudsman (Ombudsman), Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB), and legislative broadcast program.

The representative from the 24th District, Auditor, Ethics Commission, LRB, and Ombudsman testified in support of this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by including an appropriation of \$300,000 for LRB to contract with the University of Hawaii to conduct a study of the State's environmental review process.

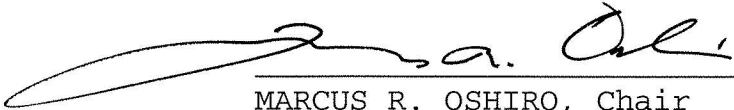
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No.

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2688, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2688, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



