Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 440 H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 440, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OMBUDSMAN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to further ensure that members of the public are able to address and resolve their grievances with the state government by enabling the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate complaints about Executive Branch programs and services regardless of whether they are delivered directly by a governmental agency or through a contract with a private agency. Specifically, this bill:

- (1) Expands the Ombudsman's jurisdiction to include contractual acts of private providers who are regulated by the laws relating to the purchase of health and human services under chapter 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS); and
- (2) Includes noncompliance with contractual terms as an appropriate subject for investigation.

This bill also renames the Ombudsman's First Assistant to the Deputy Ombudsman.

The Office of the Ombudsman, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, Community Alliance On Prisons, and two concerned

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individuals testified in support of this measure. The State Procurement Office offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Expanding the definition of "private provider" to mean any entity that provides health or human services under contract to an agency, whether or not covered by Chapter 103F, HRS; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 440, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 440, H.D. 2.

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





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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.:	Date:			
HB 440 HD 1 (HSCR 315)		1/31/06		
Committee Referral:	☐ The committee is reconsidering its			
LMG, JUD	previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	Pass, with amendments			
☐ Hold	Recommit			
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	1			
2. OSHIRO, Blake K. (VC)	1			
3. CALDWELL, Kirk				
4. KANOHO, Ezra R.	1			7
5. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki	1		7	
6. MORITA, Hermina M.	1			
7. SONSON, Alex M.	1			
8. SOUKI, Joseph M.	<u> </u>			
9. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	1			
10. THIELEN, Cynthia	1			
TOTAL	9			1
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:	ihm			_
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