STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3129

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 24 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 156 H.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda President of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 156, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING STRONG OPPOSITION TO PREEMPTIVE FEDERAL INSURANCE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD THREATEN THE POWER OF STATE LEGISLATURES, GOVERNORS, INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS, AND ATTORNEYS GENERAL TO OVERSEE, REGULATE, AND INVESTIGATE THE BUSINESS OF INSURANCE AND PROTECT CONSUMERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to oppose federal legislation that threatens the power of state legislatures, governors, insurance commissioners, and attorneys general to oversee, regulate, and investigate the business of insurance and to protect consumers.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Hawaii Medical Service Association, and the First Insurance Company of Hawaii, Ltd. No testimony in opposition was received by your Committee.

Your Committee finds that current federal initiatives would destroy the state systems of insurance regulation and create unwieldy and inaccessible federal bureaucracies. Your Committee further finds that these proposals create mandatory federal insurance standards that would preempt state laws, to the detriment of Hawaii consumers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 156, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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

RON MENOR, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Housing (Bills and Resolutions)

HCR 156 CPH Date: Date: 4/21/06				
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.				
If so, then the previous decision was to:				
The Recommendation is to:				
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit (2312) (2311) (2310) (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
MENOR, Ron (C)				
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)			T 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
ESPERO, Will				
IGE, David Y.	/ <i></i>			
SAKAMOTO, Norman				
HOGUE, Bob				
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Recommendation:				
Adopted Not Adopted				
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