

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 252

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 13, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 704

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 704 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOME CARE AGENCIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Health to temporarily license home care agencies until June 30, 2014.

This measure also appropriates an unspecified amount of funds to the Department for one full-time position to assist in licensure and monitoring of home care agencies.

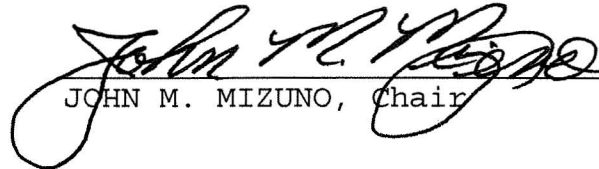
Your Committees find that this measure is necessary to ensure that agencies providing home care services to consumers meet minimum standards relating to the health, safety, and welfare of consumers. Home care services is a rapidly growing sector of the health care continuum and is a cost-effective service for many individuals. Without mandatory licensure, the safety of those who receive home care is at risk, especially since home care is in many cases provided to frail, elderly, or disabled consumers.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 704 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 Human Services
and Health,


RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair


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