STAND. COM. REP. NO. 200

Honolulu, Hawaii FeG12, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 791

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 791 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to invalidate any county ordinance that prohibits group living facilities for the elderly and persons with disabilities from being located within certain distances of other group living facilities.

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting submitted testimony in opposition to this measure.

Your Committee finds that under present law, no provision invalidates ordinances that set minimum distances between group living facilities. This measure would render void as against public policy any ordinance that prohibits a group living facility from being within any specified distance from another group living facility. Accordingly, this measure will help prevent housing discrimination against the elderly and disabled as these populations increase and require affordable housing.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 791 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources.



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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Human Services,

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:		Date: 02/05/09	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:A Pass, unamended (as is)D Pass, with amendments (HD)D HoldD Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)				
2. BROWER, Tom (VC)				
3. BELATTI, Della Au				
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III				
7. DDAXAAM, JUC, III				
5. CARROLL, Mele				
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				
7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.				
9. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (9)	6		\mathcal{O}	3
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: TOm Brower				
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