

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

672

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR - 6 2009

RE: S.B. No. 201
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 201, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII COUNTY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council to purchase ten buses to transport the elderly, the disabled, and pre-school children to and from public and private service facilities.

Your Committee received two written comments on this measure. The written comments may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that according to United States Census Bureau statistics, Hawaii county represents more than sixty per cent of the entire land area of the State. Because of the county's large geographic size, adequate and reliable transportation is vital to the county's residents, especially the elderly, disabled, and children

Your Committee also finds that twenty-four off-highway communities in Hawaii county exist along a two hundred sixty-mile area where no transportation service is provided except for the Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council. Many of the Council's buses are over ten years old and require constant maintenance to keep them operational. Your Committee believes that new buses



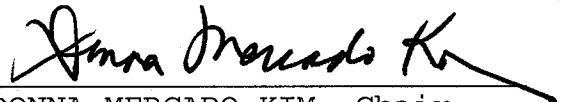
will provide safer, more efficient and reliable transportation for the Council's clients.

Your Committee has amended the measure by:

- (1) Stipulating that the appropriation not be expended if federal funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 can be used in lieu of the appropriation in this measure;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2009, to encourage further discussion on this matter; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 201, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 201, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 201, SD1	Committee Referral: LBR, WAM	Date: MAR 2, 2009		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HEE, Clayton	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
TOTAL	11	0	0	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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