STAND. COM. REP. NO. 690

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 4 , 2011

RE: H.B. No. 1620

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2011 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1620 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to exempt from the insurance laws for fraternal benefit societies, associations:

- (1) That were organized before 1880;
- (2) That provide insurance and other benefits to their members and their dependents or beneficiaries; and
- (3) Whose members are active, retired, or honorably discharged members of the United States Armed Forces or Sea Services.

The Navy Mutual Aid Association testified in support of this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs testified in support of the intent of this bill.

These associations pre-date the enactment of the fraternal benefit society laws and are organized for the benefit of military members and their families. The longevity of these associations is an indication of their financial stability and thus they should be exempt from these laws.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1620 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair

## State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.:  HB 1620	Committee Referral:	Date:	Zhah	<i>ગ</i> /
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HERKES, Robert N. (C)				
2. YAMANE, Ryan I. (VC)				
3. BROWER, Tom				
4. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				
5. CARROLL, Mele				
6. ITO, Ken				
7. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				
8. LUKE, Sylvia				
9. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				
10. MORITA, Hermina M.				
11. OSHIRO, Blake K.				
12. SOUKI, Joseph M.				
13. TSUJI, Clift			·	
14. CHING, Corinne W.L.				
15. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.				
16. THIELEN, Cynthia				
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TOTAL (16)	10			6
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  Committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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