

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 8, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 1239
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1239 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FERRIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to enhance transportation between the Hawaiian Islands, by:

- (1) Establishing the Hawaii State Ferry System Authority to develop the Hawaii State Ferry System that will transport passengers and cargo between the Hawaiian Islands;
- (2) Establishing the Hawaii State Ferry System Special Fund to operate the statewide ferry system; and
- (3) Providing an appropriation for the start-up and operations of the Hawaii State Ferry System.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation testified in support of this bill. Several concerned individuals testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Transportation and the Department of Budget and Finance submitted comments.

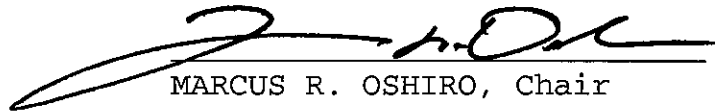


Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1239, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1239, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



