

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

388

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2011

RE: S.B. No. 1437

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1437  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM INFORMATION  
PRACTICES ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify the  
circumstances under which complaints submitted to state and county  
departments and agencies shall be made available to the public in  
order to preserve the public's interest in obtaining information  
while protecting the integrity of an ongoing investigation or  
proceeding.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS and forty private  
citizens. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this  
measure from the Office of Information Practices, Office of the  
Lieutenant Governor; the Office of Consumer Protection, Department  
of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; the Regulated Industries  
Complaints Office, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs;  
and The League of Women Voters of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the disclosure of complaints filed  
with state and county agencies gives consumers access to important  
information that they may use to make informed decisions regarding  
service providers throughout the State.

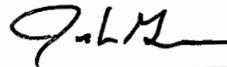
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your  
Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your

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Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1437 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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



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JOSH GREEN, M.D., Chair



