

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1293

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2015

RE: H.B. No. 928

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 928 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify that the Public Utilities Commission may order the Consumer Advocate, rather than the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, to appear in regulatory proceedings initiated by the Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that Act 108, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014 (Act 108), expressly designated the Executive Director of the Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs as the Consumer Advocate. Prior to Act 108, the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs had been statutorily designated as the Consumer Advocate. Under Act 108, a number of updates were made to chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to reflect this redesignation. This measure amends section 269-15(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to change the reference in this section from the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to the Consumer Advocate, for consistency with changes made to chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by Act 108.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 928, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 928	CPN	03/31/2015		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert				✓
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K				✓
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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