

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 379  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Legislative Management, to which was referred H.B. No. 379 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that reports submitted to the Legislature are properly reviewed and considered by the Legislature.

Specifically, this measure requires a public hearing or informational briefing, within one-year, on studies or audit reports conducted by the executive departments and certain state entities pursuant to state law enacted with a legislative appropriation.

The Office of the Auditor and Common Cause Hawaii supported this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the requirement for a public hearing or informational briefing on reports applies only to studies and audits that were funded by legislative appropriations;



- (2) Removing the requirement for the clerk of the applicable legislative chamber to receive the report;
- (3) Requiring reports to be submitted to the presiding officers of the legislative chamber if no chair has been appointed to the applicable subject matter committee of that chamber;
- (4) Specifying that the public hearing or informational briefing shall be held within one year of the receipt of the report rather than during the legislative regular session or interim;
- (5) Providing procedures for a possible extension to hear the report;
- (6) Clarifying the types of reports that are applicable;
- (7) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2088, to encourage further discussion; and
- (8) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Legislative Management that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 379, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 379, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Legislative  
Management,

  
BERTRAND KOBAYASHI, Chair



