

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

652

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2017

RE: S.B. No. 1156

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 1156 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOVIE THEATERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to remove the sunset date of Act 39, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, thereby making permanent the requirements for a public accommodation that owns, leases, leases to, or operates a motion picture theater in more than two locations in the State to provide open movie captioning during at least two showings per week of each motion picture that is produced and offered with open movie captioning and audio descriptions upon request for all motion pictures for which such accommodations are available and provide public notice if such accommodations are not available for certain movies.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony pertaining to this measure.

Your Committee finds that Act 39, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015 (Act 39), requires a public accommodation that owns, leases, leases to, or operates a motion picture theater in more than two locations in the State to provide open movie captioning and audio descriptions upon request. Act 39 was intended to improve accessibility and address the discriminatory effects of communication barriers at movie theaters encountered by



individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf blind, or blind or have low vision.

Your Committee further finds that Act 39 is scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2018. This measure removes the sunset date of Act 39, thus making permanent the motion picture accommodation requirements for Hawaii movie theaters to enable consumers who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf blind, or blind or have low vision to continue to enjoy movies in a similar manner as those who do not require open movie captioning or audio descriptions.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1156 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



