

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 127

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 10 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 723
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness and
Economic Development, to which was referred H.B. No. 723 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PANDEMIC RESPONSE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the use of funds
received from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security
Act for the purchase and distribution of personal protective
equipment and industrial hygiene projects to state departments.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health, Department of Budget and Finance,
Department of Transportation, Department of Education, Hawaii
Emergency Management Agency, State Procurement Office, Hawaii
Health Systems Corporation, Hawaii Primary Care Association, and
one individual.

Your Committees find that the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and
Economic Security Act (CARES Act) provided necessary financial
support to the State to help with purchasing essential goods, such
as personal protective equipment. Your Committees note the
importance of personal protective equipment in reducing the spread
of the coronavirus and believes that industrial hygiene products
also play an important role in addressing the pandemic. This
measure will help combat the pandemic by allowing funds received

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through the CARES Act to purchase industrial hygiene products and include all state departments as eligible recipients of personal protective equipment and industrial hygiene products.

Your Committees note that when Senate Bill No. 126, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, passed the Legislature, which later became Act 9, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020 (Act 9), it included an appropriation of \$100,000,000 to purchase and distribute personal protective equipment. However, prior to becoming Act 9, the Governor executed a line item veto to decrease the \$100,000,000 to \$61,000,000. This measure reflects the line item veto amount of \$61,000,000.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness and Economic Development that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 723, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 723, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Pandemic &
Disaster Preparedness and
Economic Development,


SEAN QUINLAN, Chair


LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair



