

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1826
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1826 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THEFT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to deter the crime of theft by providing that an individual caught with stolen mail belonging to three or more unrelated persons in the same or separate incident as part of a common scheme or plan commits Theft in the Second Degree.

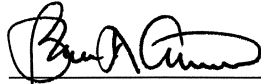
The Honolulu Police Department supported this bill. The Office of the Public Defender opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by clarifying that a person must take "three or more items" of mail belonging to three or more unrelated persons in the same or separate incident as part of a common scheme or plan.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1826, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1826, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.



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


for SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



