

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 16, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2047

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2047
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect Hawaii's citizens from
the dangerous health effects of secondhand smoke by:

- (1) Prohibiting smoking in public places and places of
employment; and
- (2) Ensuring a consistent level of basic protections
statewide from exposure to secondhand smoke.

The Department of Health, Department of Human Services,
Department of Accounting and General Services, Hawaii Medical
Services Association, Kaiser Permanente, American College of
Obstetricians and Gynecologists District VIII, Hawaii Section,
Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawaii, American Heart Association,
American Lung Association of Hawaii, American Cancer Society,
Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, Life Foundation, Hawaii
Association of Health Funds, and numerous concerned individuals
supported this bill. The Honolulu Police Department opposed this
measure.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2047 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



