

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2208

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. 2208 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to extend, from 6 months to 2 years, the statute of limitation for an individual to make a claim against a county:

- (1) For injuries or damage to property received while on public property; or
- (2) Due to negligence of a county official or employee;

thereby making the statute of limitation for counties consistent with that of the State and federal governments.

Consumer Lawyers of Hawaii testified in support of this bill.

Your Committee finds that the counties are in the best position to determine how each should be served with notice of claims for damages. Accordingly, your Committee has amended this bill by permitting the counties to identify, by charter, the individual to whom the claimant should give notice of claim for injuries or damages sustained on public property or as a result of the negligence of a county official or employee.



Your Committee has further amended this bill by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and style.

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. 2208, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2208, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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


f. SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



