

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 405 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 16, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2298

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. 2298
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISCLOSURE OF VITAL STATISTICS
RECORDS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to add law enforcement officers
to those who are considered to have a direct and tangible interest
in public health statistic records.

The Department of the Attorney General (AG) and the Hawaii
County Police Department supported this bill.

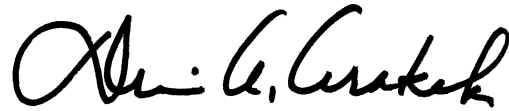
The AG reported that this bill is necessary because, at
times, during the course of an investigation, law enforcement
officers may need access to these vital records. An example given
was that of the use of a death certificate in a homicide
investigation when deciding what charge, if any, to bring against
a suspect.

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.
2298 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to
the Committee on Judiciary.

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



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



