

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 10, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2335  
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 Committees on Economic Development & Business Concerns and Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2335 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHAPTER 448E, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to strengthen enforcement provisions with regard to prohibited unlicensed electrical and plumbing activities by:

- (1) Prohibiting an unlicensed person from advertising or holding oneself out as an electrician or plumber;
- (2) Defining "electrician" and "plumber";
- (3) Upon a final order of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers (Board) or court judgment requiring disconnection of the service of the telephone number in the advertisement in which an unlicensed person claims to be an electrician or plumber;
- (4) Establishing penalties for aiding or abetting an unlicensed person to violate the electricians and plumbers licensing law; and



- (5) Establishing a fine of the greater of \$1,000 or 40 percent of the contract price for violation of the law prohibiting unlicensed activity.

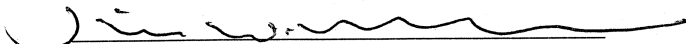
The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1186, and the Board testified in support of this bill. Hawaiian Telcom suggested an amendment. The Associated Builders and Contractors, Hawaii Chapter, Inc., offered comments.

Your Committees have amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing the provision requiring the telephone service of a person in violation of the law against unlicensed activity to be disconnected; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development & Business Concerns and Labor & Public Employment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2335, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2335, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Economic  
Development & Business Concerns  
and Labor & Public Employment,

  
KIRK CALDWELL, Chair

  
JON RIKI KARAMATSU, Chair





