

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2343

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2343 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to help preserve civil order during a civil defense emergency by significantly increasing the criminal penalties for the commission of certain crimes during such a period. Specifically, this bill would:

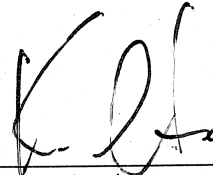
- (1) Deter looting during a civil defense emergency;
- (2) Punish looters for taking advantage of the emergency situation; and
- (3) Protect civil defense emergency workers.

The state Department of Defense and Department of the Attorney General testified in support of this bill.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2343 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 Public Safety &
Military Affairs,



KEN ITO, Chair



