

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 13, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2439
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 Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred H.B. No. 2439 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A ONE CALL CENTER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve the ability of the
Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to implement the One Call Center
law by adding a new member to the One Call Center Advisory
Committee (Advisory Committee) to represent the water utility
industry.

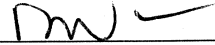
The Public Utilities Commission, Board of Water Supply for
the City and County of Honolulu, and the Gas Company submitted
testimony in support of this bill. The Consumer Advocate
commented on this measure.

Your Committee notes that this bill would result in an even
number of members on the Advisory Committee, which could result in
a voting deadlock. Further, the wastewater utilities are industry
stakeholders affected by the One Call Center law, but like the
water utilities, are currently not included on the Advisory
Committee. Therefore, your Committee has amended this bill by
adding an additional member to represent the wastewater industry,
for a total of 17 voting members.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2439, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2439, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



