

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 10, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2594

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns,
to which was referred H.B. No. 2594 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to increase the availability of qualified design and engineering professionals to complete state projects by prohibiting provisions in governmental procurement contracts that require the contractor to defend the governmental body from any liability.

The Limtiaco Consulting Group; Gray, Hong, Nojima and Associates, Inc.; Miyasato Kuniyoshi Engineers LLC; American Society of Civil Engineers, Hawaii Pacific Engineers, Inc.; American Council of Engineering Companies; Masa Fujioka and Associates; AIA Hawaii State Council; Pacific Geotechnical Engineers, Inc.; Cedric D. O. Chong and Associates, Inc.; Consulting Structural Hawaii, Inc.; Miyashiro and Associates, Inc.; Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii; D.L. Adams Associates, Ltd.; Engineering Solutions, Inc.; Coalition of Hawaii Engineering and Architectural Professionals; MK Engineers, Ltd.; Kai Hawaii, Inc.; and several concerned individuals submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Accounting and General Services and the State Procurement Office submitted testimony in opposition to this measure.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2594 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 Economic
Development & Business
Concerns,



JON RIKI KARAMATSU, Chair



