

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2705
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 Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2705 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OUTDOOR ADVERTISING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to preserve the beauty of our islands by establishing conditions under which signs expressing a viewpoint on any issue or candidate may be displayed on residential property.

Scenic Hawaii, Inc., and Na Leo Pohai supported this bill. The Department of the Attorney General provided comments.

Your Committee finds that standards are necessary for the placement and use of certain signs on residential properties and that this bill is an important step forward. However, further discussion is necessary regarding:

- (1) Whether to expand this measure's provisions to apply beyond residential property signs; and
- (2) How the new provisions would actually be enforced.

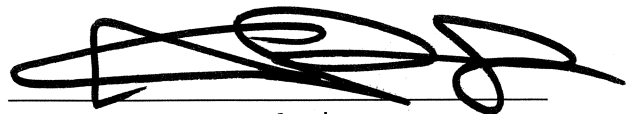


Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Clarifying that the provisions of this bill apply to signs expressing a viewpoint on any issue or on any candidate for election displayed on residential property;
- (2) Prohibiting any sign expressing a viewpoint on any candidate for election or any ballot issue from being erected on residential property earlier than 45 days prior to the day of the relevant election and more than 10 days after the day of the election;
- (3) Removing setback requirements for signs posted on residential property;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2096, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2705, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2705, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



