

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 861
H.D. 2

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. 861, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve the workers' compensation law by:

- (1) Exempting sole proprietors, individual partners of partnerships, and certain members of limited liability companies, from the workers' compensation insurance requirement; and
- (2) Assessing fees for opting in and out of purchasing workers' compensation insurance.

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Hawaii Association of Realtors, NFIB Hawaii, and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments 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. 861, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 861, H.D. 2.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



