

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 28, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2158
S.D. 2
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 Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and
Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2158, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IDENTITY THEFT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to prevent theft and misuse of
social security numbers by requiring the first five digits of an
individual's social security number to be redacted from Family
Court, Land Court, and Bureau of Conveyances records.

The Honolulu Police Department, Hawaii Bankers Association,
and Hawaii Financial Services Association supported this bill.
The Judiciary and Consumer Data Industry Association opposed this
bill. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and
Department of Land and Natural Resource commented on this measure.

Your Committees have serious concerns about this measure
based on testimony that requiring redaction of all social security
numbers from Family Court, Land Court, and Bureau of Conveyances
records would create a significant burden on the responsible
agencies and might impede timely public access to those records.
Your Committees are particularly concerned about the impact of
this bill on the Judiciary.



Upon consideration, your Committees have replaced the substance of this bill with provisions for a Social Security Number Truncation Task Force (Task Force) to be administered by the Office of Information Practices and to include at least two representatives of the Judiciary who are familiar with the documents affected by this bill. The Task Force is to:

- (1) Review the proposals in this bill;
- (2) Determine whether redaction is necessary and practicable; and
- (3) Provide the Legislature with any proposed legislation.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2158, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2158, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Consumer
Protection & Commerce and
Judiciary,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



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