

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2406
S.D. 1
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 S.B. No. 2406, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PERMIT APPROVALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to amend the permit-approval process by providing that a delay in granting or denying a business- or development-related permit, license, or approval caused by the lack of quorum, a tie vote, or other vote with less than the majority of the full membership of the board or commission voting to approve the application, shall not result in an automatic approval of the application.

The Hawaii County Planning Department, and Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter, supported this bill. The Mayor of the County of Hawaii supported the intent of this measure. The Hawaii Association of Realtors, Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO, Hawaii Reserves, Inc., and Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii opposed this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by changing the effective date to July 1, 2006, to encourage further discussion.

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 S.B. No.

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2406, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2406, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



