

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 7, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2545
S.D. 2
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 Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2545, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to continue allowing condominium disputes over the interpretation, application, or enforcement of the condominium law or the association's declaration, bylaws, or house rules to be resolved in an administrative hearing. Specifically, this bill extends by three years the pilot program for condominium management dispute resolution (Dispute Resolution Program).

The Hawaii Council of Associations of Apartment Owners, Hawaii Independent Condominium and Cooperative Owners, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to June 29, 2006; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2545, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2545, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

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



DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



