

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 5, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2687
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. 2687 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL TRESPASS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to prevent criminalization of the homeless by repealing the petty misdemeanor offense of Criminal Trespass onto Public Parks and Recreational Grounds.

The Office of the Public Defender, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, and Affordable Housing and Homeless Alliance supported this bill. A concerned individual opposed this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

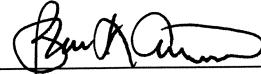
- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2006, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and style.

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 S.B. No. 2687, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2687, H.D. 1.

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


for SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



