

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2713
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 Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2713, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELDERLY IDENTIFICATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the safety of our vulnerable elderly population by appropriating funds to the Executive Office on Aging's SageWatch Program (Program) to adopt the Kupuna ID project.

The Department of the Attorney General, County of Kauai's Agency on Elderly Affairs, and Kauai Search and Rescue supported this bill. The Executive Office on Aging supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committees find that it is a worthwhile endeavor to place the safety and security of our elderly community as a priority by providing the Executive Office on Aging the tools it needs to coordinate an identification program that will ensure that those elderly who become lost and confused will have a greater chance of being identified and returned to their loved ones.

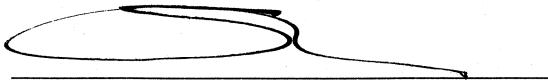


Your Committees have amended this bill by, among other things:


- (1) Removing the provision for hiring a specified number of positions for this Program;
- (2) Changing the appropriation amount to \$1 to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2713, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2713, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Human
Services,



ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



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