

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 17, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2949
S.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety & Military Affairs and
Legislative Management, to which was referred S.B. No. 2949,
S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure the rights and
safety of inmates who are housed at contracted correctional
facilities.

Specifically, the measure provides the Office of the
Ombudsman the authority to investigate out-of-state, private, or
federal correctional facilities that have contracts with the
Department of Public Safety to house Hawaii's inmates.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii provided
testimony in support. The State of Hawaii Office of the Ombudsman
offered comments on this measure.

Your Committees note that the Office of the Ombudsman has
suggested a number of amendments and concerns regarding this
measure and the role of the Ombudsman, several of which involve
legal issues. Your Committees believe that many of these
suggestions merit further discussion and requests the Committee on
Judiciary to give them due consideration.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety & Military Affairs and Legislative Management that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2949, S.D. 2, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Public Safety &
Military Affairs and
Legislative Management,


MICHAEL Y. MAGAOAY, Chair


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