

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1984  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1984, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONVICTION DATA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require a review committee of the judicial council to investigate the current status of internet access to criminal conviction data.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, the Community Alliance on Prisons, and an individual. The Attorney General submitted testimony in opposition to the measure.

Your Committee finds that a review committee is necessary to examine the methods of collecting, and the sources of, conviction data that is made available on the Internet. A review committee is also necessary to examine whether further limitations on internet access to conviction data is necessary to ensure its proper use for promoting public safety.

Your Committee has amended this measure to:

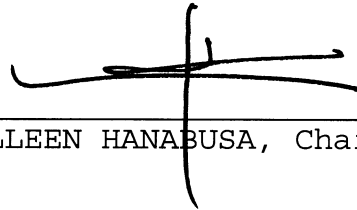
- (1) Delete the reference to the privacy interests of offenders in accordance with testimony from the Department of the Attorney General that privacy does not extend to criminal conviction data; and



- (2) Clarify that the investigation of the review committee shall not include a review of the sex offender registry pursuant to chapter 846E, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1984, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1984, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary and  
Hawaiian Affairs,



---

COLLEEN HANABUSA, Chair



