

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2899
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. 2899, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO JUDGMENT LIENS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the requirement for a judgment debtor's social security number when recording a judgment, order, or decree for lien purposes. This measure also states that liens do not continue beyond the time period that the underlying judgment, order, or decree is enforced and clarifies that liens apply to judgments, orders, and decrees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Attorney General, the Hawaii State Bar Association Collection Law Section, and the Hawaii Bankers Association. The Consumer Data Industry Association submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that there needs to be a balance between the necessity of identifying a judgment debtor and concerns about identity theft when personal information, such as a social security number, is public record.

In order to address this concern, your Committee has amended this measure to:



- (1) Specify that this provision applies to any money judgment, including its underlying order, to clarify the connection between the subject of the measure and the measure's title; and
- (2) Require that every judgment shall have endorsed on it the last four digits of the judgment debtor's social security number.

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. 2899, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2899, 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



