

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR - 4 2006

RE: H.B. No. 3254
H.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. 3254, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OATHS OF OFFICE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to repeal various provisions of the Hawaii Revised Statutes that require public employees, who are not required under Article XVI, Section 4 or the Hawaii State Constitution, to take an oath of loyalty.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the measure from the Office of the Ombudsman.

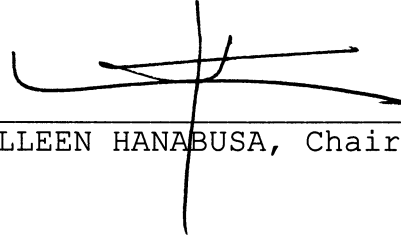
Your Committee finds that the statutory provisions repealed by this measure were made obsolete by an amendment to the Hawaii State Constitution in 1992. In 1992, Article XVI, Section 4 of the Hawaii State Constitution was amended so that only certain eligible public officers are now required to take and subscribe to a constitutional oath. This measure identifies all sections affected by the amendment to the Hawaii State Constitution. Repeal of the obsolete provisions in the Hawaii Revised Statutes will prevent future misunderstanding about the applicability of the provisions among members of the public.

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. 3254, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass
Third Reading.

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



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COLLEEN HANABUSA, Chair



