

Honolulu, Hawaii

APRIL 27 , 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2006
S.D. 3
H.D. 2
C.D. 1

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

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 2006, S.D. 3, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT PROHIBITING SALES OF OPIHI,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the sale or offering for sale of opihi, except when the opihi shell is at least one and one-fourth inches in diameter and is used to make a curio or jewelry.

Your Committee on Conference finds that in recent years, the number of edible opihi in Hawaii has declined, and the popularity of opihi as a delicacy has led to over-harvesting on Oahu and made opihi hard to find on the neighbor islands.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:



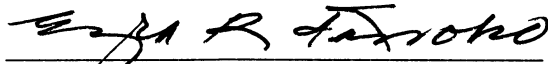
- (1) Including an exception for any resident of any populated island that is privately owned and has a population of five hundred or less;
- (2) Allowing a maximum of one-half gallon rather than one quart of opihi per person per day, as measured with its shell on; and
- (3) Requiring that all takings of opihi for curio or jewelry shall be in compliance with section 188-42.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes.


As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2006, S.D. 3, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2006, S.D. 3, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

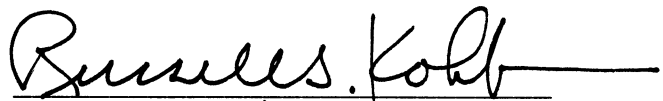
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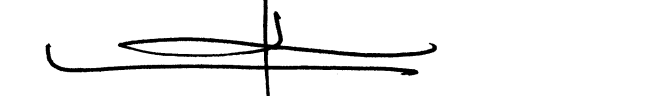
ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE


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COLLEEN HANABUSA, Co-Chair



