

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2480

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2248

S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing and Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2248 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purposes of this measure are to require professional solicitors to disclose to contributors whether a donation will be tax deductible, and to allow the Attorney General to suspend or revoke the registration of a charitable organization or professional solicitor when the registrant has failed to completely file a financial report as required.

Testimony in support of the measure was submitted by the Department of the Attorney General, Business Plans Hawaii, Carol Kwan Consulting LLC, MMW Consulting, LLC, Hawaii Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations, and an individual writer.

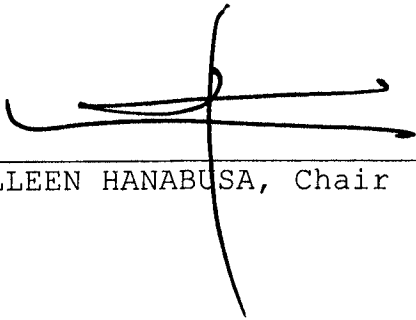
Your Committees find that this measure will further strengthen Hawaii's charitable solicitation law, while easing regulatory burdens on those who provide grant writing services to charitable organizations, and facilitating filing of registration forms using the Internet. The measure strengthens consumer protections for Hawaii's charitable organizations and donors, and promotes confidence in good and safe philanthropy.



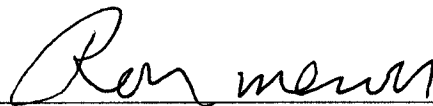
Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing and Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2248, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2248, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Commerce,
Consumer Protection, and
Housing and Judiciary and
Hawaiian Affairs,



COLLEEN HANABUSA, Chair



RON MENOR, Chair



