

Honolulu, Hawaii

MARCH 2, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2259
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 S.B. No. 2259 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INFORMATION CHARGING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to add "unlawful methamphetamine trafficking" to those felonies that may be initiated by information charging.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Attorney General, the Honolulu Police Department, the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Maui, and the Sex Abuse Treatment Center. Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by the Office of the Public Defender, the American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, and the Community Alliance on Prisons.

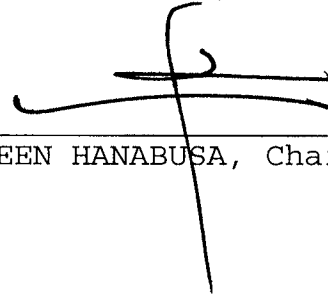
Your Committee finds that the measure as currently drafted incorrectly includes "unlawful methamphetamine trafficking," a class B felony, in the section of the measure that covers class C felonies.

Your Committee has amended this measure by removing "unlawful methamphetamine trafficking," a class B felony, from the section of the measure dealing with class C felonies and amending subsection (b) of section 806-83, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which covers class B felonies, to include "unlawful methamphetamine trafficking." Your Committee also amended this measure to make nonsubstantive, technical changes.



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 S.B. No. 2259, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2259, 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



