

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2298
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 Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing,
to which was referred S.B. No. 2298 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHAPTER 448E, HAWAII REVISED
STATUTES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to strengthen the enforcement
provisions in chapter 448E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, prohibiting
unlicensed electrical and plumbing activities.

Testimony in support of the measure was submitted by the
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Board of
Electricians and Plumbers, and the International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers Local 1186. The Associated Builders and
Contractors, Inc., Hawaii Chapter, the Plumbing and Mechanical
Contractors Association of Hawaii, the Sheet Metal Contractors
Association, and Hawaiian Telcom opposed the measure.

Your Committee finds that this measure reflects the efforts
of a task force convened by the Department of Commerce and
Consumer Affairs to review and strengthen current practices
relating to enforcement of unlicensed electrical and plumbing
activities. Your Committee further finds that the parties who
testified for and against the measure have agreed to compromise
language so that the measure may move forward for further
consideration.

Your Committee has amended this measure to:

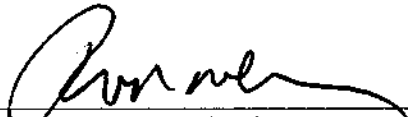
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- (1) Delete reference to a final order of the board of electricians and plumbers relating to an advertising violation;
- (2) Substitute "entity" for "public utility" with reference to furnishing telephone service;
- (3) Delete the subsection that added an additional fine based on total contract price;
- (4) Change the effective date to July 1, 2050, for purposes of further discussion; and
- (5) Make technical, nonsubstantive amendments for proper drafting style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2298, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2298, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Housing,



RON MENOR, Chair



