

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 28 , 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2343
S.D. 2
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. 2343, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS,"

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 bill is to authorize the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services to conduct criminal background checks of persons providing care or having access to elderly and disabled individuals in health care facilities.

This bill will assist in ensuring the safety of the elderly and disabled in health care facilities by requiring individuals that are involved their care to undergo background checks.

Your Committee on Conference amended this bill by:



- (1) Deleting the definition for "finding of patient or resident abuse";
- (2) Specifying that the department may request criminal history record information which includes Federal Bureau of Investigation data through the Hawaii criminal justice data center; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to "upon its approval."

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. 2343, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2343, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE


ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



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