

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2523

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2532
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 Intergovernmental Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2532 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to include retired law enforcement officers among the individuals who are exempt from the firearm restrictions provided in sections 134-6 through 134-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the measure from the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Kauai; the Hawaii Rifle Association; and two individuals. The Department of the Attorney General and the Honolulu Police Department submitted testimony in opposition to this measure.

Your Committee finds that the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 exempts qualified active and retired law enforcement officers from local and state prohibitions on the carrying of concealed firearms while off-duty across state lines. The Department of the Attorney General is in the process of defining the requirements for implementation as the federal law in Hawaii. These qualifications are necessary to protect the community.

Upon further consideration, your Committee amended this measure by:



- (1) Deleting the original provisions of the measure; and
- (2) Requiring the Attorney General to:
 - (A) Determine the requirements to implement and to ensure compliance with the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004; and
 - (B) Report to the Legislature on what measures have been taken to ensure implementation of and compliance with the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2532, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2532, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Intergovernmental
Affairs,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



