

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2249

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb. 17

, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2601

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. 2601 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DOCUMENTS SEALED UPON FILING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require that certain
documents be sealed upon filing in any action or proceeding in the
circuit court having jurisdiction over matters relating to the
affairs of decedents.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the measure
from the Standing Committee on the Uniform Probate Code and
Probate Court Practices of the Judiciary of the State of Hawaii.

This measure is intended to restrict public access to certain
sensitive information about respondents in guardianship and
conservatorship proceedings. This measure seeks to protect
against the growing problem of identity theft by sealing the
following documents that contain sensitive information:

- (1) Birth certificate;
- (2) Marriage certificate;
- (3) Death certificate;
- (4) Tax return;
- (5) Kokua kanawai's report;

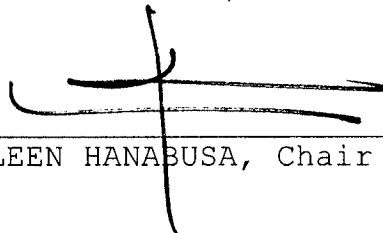


- (6) Court-ordered professional evaluation; and
- (7) Responses and objections to kokua kanawai's report or a professional evaluation.

Your Committee finds that these restrictions are necessary for the protection of the public.

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. 2601 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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



