

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2395

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17

, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2909  
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Intergovernmental Affairs and  
Transportation and Government Operations, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 2909 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PERMIT APPROVALS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow a county to opt out  
of the automatic permit approval law by adopting an ordinance to  
exempt the county as a whole or any county agency from the law.

The Mayor of Hawaii County, the Hawaii County Planning  
Department, the Maui County Department of Water Supply, and the  
Sierra Club submitted testimony in support of this measure. The  
Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii submitted testimony in  
opposition.

Your Committees find that the automatic permit approval law  
was passed in an effort to improve Hawaii's business climate.  
However, granting a permit by default does not reflect good public  
policy and potentially penalizes the public and the environment.  
There are many reasons why an action on a permit may be delayed,  
including the illness or retirement of necessary personnel.  
Applications are also typically forwarded to other agencies for  
review and comment. This measure gives the county discretion  
whether to require automatic permit approval or not.

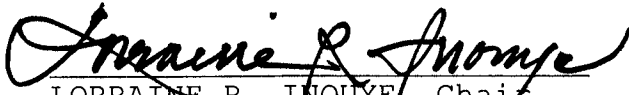
Your Committees amended this measure by making technical,  
non-substantive amendments for clarity and style.

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As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Intergovernmental Affairs and Transportation and Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2909, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2909, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Intergovernmental  
Affairs and Transportation and  
Government Operations,


  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair

  
DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes of the  
Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs  
(Bills and Resolutions)**

Measure:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 2909	IGA/IGO, JHW	2-9-06
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is to:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)		
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)
Nays	Excused	
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓	
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	✓	
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓	
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓	
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓	
SLOM, Sam		
TOTAL	6	
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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