

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2545

Honolulu, Hawaii

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, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2931  
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 Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, to which  
was referred S.B. No. 2931 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to transfer law enforcement  
and security functions of the Department of Public Safety to the  
Department of the Attorney General, subject to the approval of a  
constitutional amendment to elect the Attorney General.

The Attorney General submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that since September 11, 2001, the  
security responsibilities of state law enforcement officers have  
received an increased focus and higher priority. This focus and  
priority can be better achieved if the law enforcement functions  
of the Department of Public Safety are transferred to the  
Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee has amended this measure, based upon the  
recommendation of the Attorney General, to extend the effective  
date for twelve months after the chief elections officer issues a  
certificate of results under section 11-156, Hawaii Revised  
Statutes, certifying that the Hawaii Constitution has been amended  
to require the election of the Attorney General. Your Committee  
also made nonsubstantive, technical changes.



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. 2931, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2931, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary and  
Hawaiian Affairs,



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COLLEEN HANABUSA, Chair



