

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2938
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 Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2938 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require that community organizations such as neighborhood boards and community associations be notified when halfway houses, clean and sober homes, or drug rehabilitation homes are proposed to be situated in their community.

The Community Alliance on Prisons and the Mililani Town Association submitted testimony in support of this measure. Oxford House Inc. submitted testimony in opposition.

Your Committees find that this measure ensures that the community is notified when halfway houses, clean and sober homes, or drug rehabilitation homes may be situated in their community, thereby giving the community an opportunity to better understand the scope of the proposed facility and address any concerns its members may have regarding it.

Upon further consideration, your Committees amended this measure by:

- (1) Leaving the notification time period blank to encourage further consideration of that issue;



- (2) Including a notice provision for the community association; and
- (3) Providing that the notification shall be in writing.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Intergovernmental Affairs and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2938, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2938, 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
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