

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb. 15, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 650
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. 650 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make an appropriation for the Weed and Seed Strategy.

Testimony in support was submitted by the Attorney General, the Honolulu Police Department, and Aloha United Way.

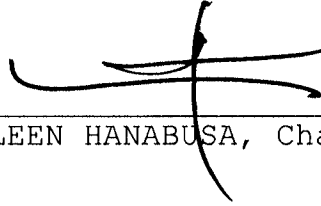
Your Committee finds that the Weed and Seed Strategy has been successful since its inception in the Kalihi-Palama and Chinatown areas of downtown Honolulu. Since the beginning of the program, crime in those areas has been significantly reduced and the program's success warrants its expansion into other communities.

Your Committee amended this measure to incorporate an amendment suggested by the Attorney General to specify that the funds be appropriated as a grant to the Honolulu YMCA with the Department of the Attorney General as the expending agency.

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. 650, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 650, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.



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



COLLEEN HANABUSA, Chair



