

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 818

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 1, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1246
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1246 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO METAL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of the bill is to deter the theft of copper by:

- (1) Establishing theft of copper as a felony offense; and
- (2) Imposing additional requirements for, and establishing additional penalties for violations relating to, the sale of copper to scrap dealers.

The Department of the Attorney General, Honolulu Police Department, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu, and the Kuliouou/Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board #2 testified in support of this bill. Hawaiian Electric Company, Hawaii Electric Light Company, Maui Electric Company, and Hawaiian Telcom supported the intent of this measure. The Office of the Public Defender, Schnitzer Steel Hawaii Corp., and Okuda Metal, Inc., opposed this bill.

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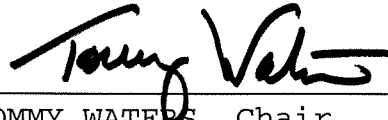


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the provisions imposing additional requirements for, and establishing additional penalties for violations relating to, the sale of copper to scrap dealers;
- (2) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2112, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1246, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1246, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



TOMMY WATERS, Chair



