

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 263

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 9, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1257

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services & Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 1257 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide greater protection to victims of domestic violence who are being protected by the courts through protective orders. This bill includes crimes against these victims as part of the offenses of:

- (1) Murder in the first degree;
- (2) Murder in the second degree;
- (3) Assault in the second degree; and
- (4) Terroristic threatening in the first degree.

The Department of the Attorney General, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawaii, Hawaii Police Department, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, Honolulu Police Department, Hawaii Family Forum, Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii, and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The State Office of the Public Defender opposed this measure. An individual offered comments.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services & Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1257 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services &
Housing,



MAILE SHIMABUKURO, Chair



