STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1/28

Honolulu, Hawaii MAR 2.1 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1158

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

## Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred H.B. No. 1158 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ARSON,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that arson property damage over ten thousand square feet qualifies for special sentencing.

In addition, the measure amends the misdemeanor offense of arson in the fourth degree to include recklessness to the state of mind requirement in the commission of arson.

Your Committee finds that the current law regarding arson states that the damage to the property must be exactly ten thousand square feet to qualify for special sentencing considerations. The bill provides that for special sentencing, the damage be ten thousand square feet or more.

Your Committee heard testimony in support of and against the bill, respectively, from the Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the Public Defender's Office.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1158, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

CLAYTON HEE, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

## Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary and Labor JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:*  HB 1158	Committee 5	Referral:	Da	te: 3— 12 —	07
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)		~			
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (VC)					
INOUYE, Lorraine R.					/
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.		V			
GABBARD, Mike				2.646 5.5-10. (5.4-25.5.5)	
TOTAL		3			2
Recommendation:  Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:  Clause & Designee's Signature:					
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