

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1191

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1248
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

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. 1248, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NAME CHANGES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to limit the options available
to convicted sex offenders when changing their names.

Currently, a person may be able to change his or her name by
a simple petition to the Lieutenant Governor's Office. There is
no administrative hearing to test the validity of a petitioner's
name change request. The office relies solely upon the
information provided by the petitioner in determining which name
changes are appropriate for processing.

Your Committee finds that recently, a number of convicted sex
offenders with an ongoing obligation to register as sex offenders
have petitioned to change their names, some of them while still
incarcerated for their crime. It was pointed out that if a
convicted sex offender changes his or her name, it will be
extremely difficult to track that individual if that individual
does not comply with the requirements of sex offender
registration.

This bill provides that a convicted sex offender may change
his or her name in one of several ways such as through a Family
Court order, upon marriage, by order of a court in any other

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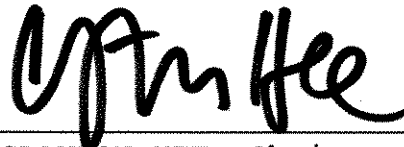
jurisdiction, or by order of a court in this jurisdiction that determines that it is in the interest of justice and that it will not adversely affect public safety.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the bill from the Lieutenant Governor's Office and the Attorney General's Office. There was no testimony in opposition to the bill.

Your Committee amended the bill by changing the effective date from January 1, 2050, to be effective upon approval.

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. 1248, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1248, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 1248 HD1	Committee Referral: JDL	Date: 3/9/07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (VC)				✓
INOUE, Lorraine R.				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
TOTAL	3			0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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