

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1379

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 127

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and
Affordable Housing, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 127 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A SUNRISE REVIEW OF
THE REGULATION OF BAIL BONDING AGENTS AND THE BAIL BOND
INDUSTRY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to
conduct a sunrise review of the regulation of bail bonding agents
and the bail bond industry.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that the bail bond industry and bail
bonding agents provide an extraordinarily valuable service to both
law enforcement and accused persons.

Your Committee further recognizes that to protect against
abuses in the bail bond industry, several states have enacted laws
regulating the conduct of persons who apprehend bail fugitives.
However, Hawaii currently has no laws regulating the conduct of
persons who apprehend bail fugitives in the State.

During the Regular Session of 2007, S.B. No. 1961 was
introduced and proposed the regulation of bail bonding agents and
the bail bond industry.



In compliance with section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, this measure requests the Auditor to conduct a sunrise review of the proposed regulations in S.B. No. 1961.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 127 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Affordable
Housing,


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



