

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1707

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1707 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROTECTION OF CAVES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to strike a balance between the State's need to protect the natural, historical, and cultural resources of the state, and the ability of individuals with a direct kuleana to those resources or responsibility to protect the resources to have meaningful access to those resources, by authorizing the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to disclose government information and records on the location of a cave and its resources to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), appropriate island burial council, and the recognized descendants of the burials located within the land parcel on which the cave is located.

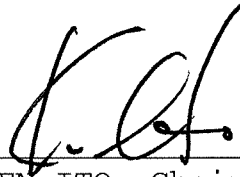
OHA and DLNR testified in support of this bill.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1707 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean
Resources & Hawaiian Affairs,



KEN ITO, Chair



