

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 29, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2589
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2589, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCRAP METAL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to deter crimes relating to scrap metal by requiring scrap dealers to:

- (1) Pay for scrap only by check;
- (2) If the scrap being sold is copper, issue and mail the check to the seller no sooner than five days after the purchase; and
- (3) Retain canceled checks for two years and make the checks available for inspection.


The Honolulu Police Department, Schnitzer Steel Hawaii Corp., and Okuda Metal, Inc., supported this bill and suggested amendments. Reynolds Recycling opposed the measure in its present form.

Your Committee has amended this bill by applying the requirement to purchase scrap only by check payment to copper scrap.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2589, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2589, H.D. 2.

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



TOMMY WATERS, Chair



