

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 29 , 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2954

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred H.B. No. 2954 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO TOWING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to assist towing companies while
providing consumers with increased towing services by:

- (1) Reinstating the authority of towing companies to charge
overtime fees during certain hours of operation; and
- (2) Adding a new provision disallowing the overtime fee for
towing companies in counties with a population greater
than 500,000 if the company does not:
 - (A) Offer towing services to consumers 24 hours per day
every day of the week; and
 - (B) File their hours of operation with the police
department in that county.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and State
Farm Insurance Companies opposed this bill. The Hawaii State
Towing Association and a concerned individual commented on this
measure.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2954 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



