

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 28, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2956
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2956 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUNTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to allow the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) and Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to react quickly to changing conditions relating to hunting by authorizing BLNR and DLNR to make decisions and changes with respect to certain hunting issues, without adopting rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

DLNR, the Lanai Institute for the Environment and a concerned individual supported this bill. A concerned individual opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

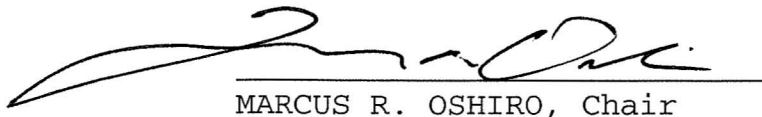
- (1) Establishing that BLNR's statutory powers to make decisions and changes exist regardless of any administrative rules pertaining to game bird and mammal hunting;
- (2) Providing that these decisions and changes cannot be made until after 30-days public notice has been given; and



- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2956, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2956, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



