

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 555-08

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 3107
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 Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 3107, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OWNER-BUILDER PERMITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect Hawaii's real estate consumers.

Specifically, this bill:

- (1) Requires sellers to disclose whether a building or structure was built or improved under an owner-builder permit;
- (2) Clarifies that owner-builders must use licensed subcontractors when altering, improving, demolishing, or repairing any building or structure; and
- (3) Establishes penalties for owner-builders who fail to comply with these requirements.


Your Committee received testimony in support of this bill from the Contractors License Board, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Associated Builders and Contractors of Hawaii, and one individual.



Your Committee finds that this bill preserves the right of property owners to construct or make improvements to their property while at the same time protecting the public.

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. 3107, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



