

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**January 29**, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 373

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 373 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to address the problem of scrap metal theft. Specifically, this bill:

- (1) Requires scrap dealers to collect additional information from scrap sellers concerning the source of the scrap and the seller's identity; and
- (2) Provides increasing mandatory fines and license revocations for violations of the scrap dealer law, depending on the number of offenses by the violator.

The Honolulu Police Department and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The Department of the Attorney General (AG) and the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu supported the intent of this measure.

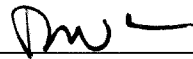
The AG has noted that H.B. No. 1246, "Relating to Metal", is similar in purpose to this bill but deals only with copper thefts. Your Committee respectfully requests the Committee on Judiciary to consider H.B. No. 1246 in conjunction with its review of this measure.

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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. 373 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



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ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



