

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

806

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 1, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 909

H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 909 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to expand the Code of Ethics to prohibit state employees from taking action directly affecting a business or undertaking in which a sibling, parent, or emancipated child has a substantial financial interest.

The Hawaii State Ethics Commission testified in support of this bill. The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Clarifying the meaning of "financial interest" as it applies to a sibling, parent, or emancipated child;
- (2) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2112, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



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. 909, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 909, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



TOMMY WATERS Chair



