

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 801

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 1, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 975
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. 975 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STANDARDS OF CONDUCT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to increase the transparency of the lobbying process by lowering from \$200 to \$100 the threshold of the dollar value of gifts that legislators, state employees, and their spouses and dependent children must report to the State Ethics Commission.

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

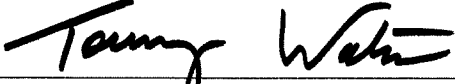
Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2112, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.



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. 975, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 975, 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



