

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2589
H.D. 2
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
H.B. No. 2589, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is require a scrap dealer or
recycler, as applicable, who purchases any copper, to pay for the
copper by check payable to the seller.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney; Reynolds Recycling, Inc. ;
and one individual.

This measure further provides that at the time of sale of the
copper, the seller shall present to the scrap dealer or recycler a
valid photo identification card or license of the seller issued by
a federal or state government agency authorized to issue valid
identification. The check may be mailed to the address shown on
the identification, or the scrap dealer or recycler may arrange
for the check to be picked up personally by the seller at the
place of business of the scrap dealer or recycler.

Your Committee finds that copper theft continues to be a
serious problem, inasmuch as copper thieves illegally traffic in
stolen copper as a ready source of cash. Discouraging copper
thieves from selling stolen copper for cash to scrap dealers would
reduce the incidence of copper theft.



Your Committee has amended this measure on the recommendation of the Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney by clarifying the penalty section by making the scrap dealer offenses severable rather than joint.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2589, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2589, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.


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


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
HB 2589, HD2, SD1	CPH, JDL	4-1-08
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
TANIGUCHI, BRIAN T. (C)	✓	
HEE, Clayton (VC)		✓
GABBARD, Mike	✓	
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	✓	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓	
SLOM, Sam		✓
TOTAL	4	-
1	+	
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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