

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1016

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1229  
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1229, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to deter copper theft by requiring scrap dealers to include a thumbprint in the required identification statement of all persons redeeming copper and to establish a copper redemption database.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney. Written comments in opposition were received from Reynolds Recycling. Written comments were received from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA).

Your Committee finds that the recent increase in prices for scrap metal such as copper has caused a spate of copper thefts in the State. Recent thefts are costing resident taxpayers, public utility companies, private companies, and state entities significant income to replace the copper that is stolen and to repair the damage caused by these thefts. As a result, copper theft has become a serious and rapidly growing crime.

This new type of theft has devastating effects on the entire community, not just utility companies, businesses, and government agencies. It causes phone outages, power outages, and rising construction costs. The cost of the stolen copper is often only a



small percentage of the victims' loss. Criminal copper scavengers can cost a homeowner up to \$40,000 or more in damage to their home for copper that will net the criminal approximately \$1,000.

The intent of this measure is to deter copper theft by placing stricter restrictions on the acceptance of copper by scrap dealers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring scrap metal dealers to maintain a record of transactions in copper, similar to pawnbrokers for articles, on the recommendation of the DCCA, and to forthwith transmit by email or facsimile to the county police the police-approved form of the record of information on the copper transaction;
- (2) Deleting the copper redemption database, on recommendation of the DCCA, and deleting the appropriation to the DCCA accordingly;
- (3) Changing the effective date to upon approval; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1229, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1229, S.D. 2.


Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
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**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 1229 SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>CPH/JDL, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/28/07</b>		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
MENOR, Ron	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
WHALEN, Paul				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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