

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

871

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1573

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 1573 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ARSON,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that arson property  
damage over ten thousand square feet qualifies for special  
sentencing.

In addition, the measure also amends the misdemeanor offense  
of arson in the fourth degree to include recklessness to the state  
of mind requirement in the commission of arson.

Your Committee finds that the current law regarding arson  
states that the damage to the property must be exactly ten  
thousand square feet to qualify for special sentencing  
considerations. This bill would provide that the damage be ten  
thousand square feet or more.

Your Committee heard testimony in support of the bill from  
the Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney's Office and heard testimony  
against the bill from the Public Defender's Office. After further  
discussion, the Public Defender's Office withdrew its objection to  
the bill.

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 S.B.

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No. 1573 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



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CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Judiciary and Labor**  
**JDL**

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312   
 Pass, with amendments 2311   
 Hold 2310   
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (VC)	/			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
GABBARD, Mike	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			

Recommendation:   
 Adopted   
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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