

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

984

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1032  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1032 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NOTARY PUBLIC SEALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to help deter the fraudulent use of notary seals or stamps by requiring that a notary public's commission number be included on the notary public's official seal or stamp.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

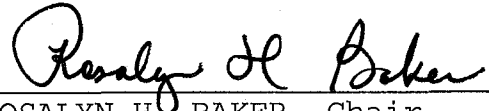
Your Committee finds that including a notary public's commission number on the notary public's official seal or stamp will help prevent fraud by making it easier to identify the individual who purportedly notarized particular documents and to track the activity of notaries public over time. Your Committee further finds that the cost to individual notaries public of replacing official stamps and seals is minimal.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making one technical, nonsubstantive change to reflect existing statutory language accurately.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1032, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1032, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



