

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 105

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 10, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1414

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1414 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO METAL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to deter scrap metal theft by making permanent the provisions of Act 53, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2008, which established a misdemeanor offense for thefts of metal beer kegs and imposed additional documentation requirements for scrap dealer purchases of beer kegs.

Anheuser Busch Companies testified in support of this bill.

Act 53, SLH 2008, was passed in response to reports of metal beer kegs being stolen at escalating rates, largely because they could be redeemed for fast cash at scrap dealerships. By making the provisions of this law permanent, this measure will maintain ongoing efforts to deter another rising form of scrap metal theft.

Your Committee notes that H.B. No. 1030, 2009, is a similar bill that would make permanent the provisions of Act 197, SLH 2007, establishing theft of copper as a felony offense and imposing the aforementioned documentation requirements for scrap dealer purchases of copper. Given the shared goal of these two bills and the fact that they both affect expiring scrap dealer documentation requirements under 445-233, Hawaii Revised Statutes, your Committee respectfully requests the Committee on Judiciary to

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consider incorporating the provisions of H.B. No. 1030, 2009, into this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1414 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



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ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



