

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 13, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 336
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred H.B. No. 336 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DNA COLLECTION FOR ARRESTEES OF VIOLENT CRIMES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to increase public safety and protection by requiring collection of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) samples and specimens from persons arrested for felony violent crimes.

The Representative from the 19th District supported this bill. The Department of the Attorney General (DOAG) and Maui County Police Department supported the intent of this measure. The Honolulu Police Department, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, Community Alliance on Prisons, and a concerned individual opposed this bill. The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Providing for permanent filing in the State DNA Database of data gathered from DNA samples and specimens collected from persons arrested for a felony violent crime;



- (2) Providing for an appropriation to be deposited into the DNA Registry Special Fund and authorizing the DOAG to expend the funds to reimburse county police departments for the collection and processing of DNA buccal swab samples and specimens; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 336, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 336, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,



FAYE HANOANO, Chair



