

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 9, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2827

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred H.B. No. 2827 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote the reliability of
information that is used for guidance in financial transactions or
for accounting for or assessing the financial status or
performance of commercial and noncommercial enterprises by
requiring public accountancy firms, as a condition for renewals of
permits to practice, to undergo peer review on a periodic basis,
following the adoption of rules for peer review and firm permits.

The Hawaii Society of Certified Public Accountants and
numerous concerned individuals supported this bill. The Hawaii
Association of Public Accountants and several concerned
individuals opposed this measure. The Board of Public Accountancy
submitted comments.

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. 2827 and recommends that it pass Second
Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



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



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



