

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 26, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2897
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2897 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTRACTORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that United States citizens gain the benefits of employment in Hawaii construction jobs by authorizing the revocation or suspension of the license of a contractor who knowingly or intentionally employs a person who is not eligible to work in the United States under federal law.

The Hawaii Laborers' Union, ILWU Local 142, Pacific Resource Partnership, and General Contractors Association of Hawaii testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii Civil Rights Commission and Hawaii Association for Justice opposed this measure. The Contractors License Board provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to December 21, 2058, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2897, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2897, H.D. 1.

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



JON RIKI KARAMATSU, Chair



