

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 11, 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2249
S.D. 1
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 Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, to which was referred S.B. No. 2249, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect water safety officers from being physically attacked while performing their duties. This bill makes it a class C felony for assaulting water safety officers.

Three concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Emergency Services Department and the Ocean Safety and Lifeguard Services Division of the City and County of Honolulu, and the Hawaiian Lifeguard Association supported the intent of this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by changing the effective date to July 1, 2010.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2249, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2249, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, &
Ocean Resources,



KEN ITO, Chair



