

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 18, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 1225

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1225 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BINGO,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to afford native Hawaiians a unique and exclusive source of revenue by:

- (1) Authorizing bingo to be conducted by one authorized licensee at one site on Hawaiian home lands; and
- (2) Establishing the Hawaii Bingo Commission within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) to regulate bingo within the State, including licensing, taxation, criminal sanctions, and proper conduct and methods for bingo.

The Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly supported the intent of this bill. The City and County of Honolulu Police Department, United Methodist Church, Hawai'i Coalition Against Legalized Gambling, and several concerned individuals testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; DCCA; Radcliffe & Associates, LLC; and Hawaii Coalition provided comments.

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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. 1225 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



