

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 810

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 8, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 551

H.D. 2

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. 551, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC GUNS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to allow county liquor authority investigators to use electric guns. The measure also requires the county liquor authorities to keep the electric guns in their possession and control, maintain records of each time an electric gun is used, report annually to the Legislature, and ensure that county liquor authority investigators are trained prior to issuing the electric guns.

Several concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Honolulu Police Department, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, Hawaii Bar Owners Association, and several concerned individuals testified in opposition to this bill. A concerned individual commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Limiting the authorized use of electric guns by county liquor authorities to counties having a population of 500,000 or less;

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- (2) Requiring county liquor authorities to issue electric guns equipped with video recording capabilities;
- (3) Mandating that county liquor authority investigators may carry and use their electric guns only while on authorized duty; and
- (4) Changing its effective date to January 7, 2059, to promote further discussion.

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. 551, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 551, H.D. 2.

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



GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



