

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 416

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 555  
H.D. 1

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. 555 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GRAFFITI,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to rid the community of graffiti by requiring a person convicted of criminal property damage caused by graffiti to perform community service by removing any graffiti from property within an unspecified distance from the site of the offense; provided that:

- (1) The property owner consents; and
- (2) The act of removing the graffiti does not endanger the person or others or inconvenience the public.

The chairperson of the Honolulu City Council and several concerned individuals submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Judiciary and Office of the Public Defender provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Setting the distance at 250 yards from the site of the offense, within which the convicted person can be required to remove graffiti from property; and

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- (2) Changing the effective date to January 7, 2050, 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. 555, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 555, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

  
GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



