

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3144

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1771  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 1771, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FELONIES FOR WHICH CRIMINAL  
CHARGES MAY BE INSTITUTED BY WRITTEN INFORMATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to add habitual  
property crime, unauthorized entry in a dwelling in the first or  
second degree, and theft of copper to the list of felonies for  
which criminal charges may be instituted by written information.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and  
County of Honolulu. Testimony in opposition to this measure was  
submitted by the Community Alliance on Prisons, American Civil  
Liberties Union of Hawaii, and five private individuals.

Your Committee finds that as new criminal laws have been  
passed or amended, the written information law has not been  
amended accordingly to include those new or amended laws. As  
such, this measure adds certain felonies that are comparable to  
the felonies listed in the existing written information law.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical,  
nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and  
consistency.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1771, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1771, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



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CLAYTON HEE, Chair



