

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2508
H.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 Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2508, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTION AGENCIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to strengthen the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' oversight of exempt out-of-state collection agencies.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Clarifies qualification and enforcement provisions for exempt out-of-state collection agencies; and
- (2) Increases fines for collection agencies governed under chapter 443B, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

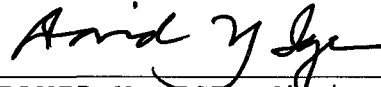
Your Committee finds that, between 2004 and 2011, the number of exempt out-of-state collection agencies operating in Hawaii more than doubled, while the number of registered collection agencies remained relatively stable. Your Committee also finds that additional regulatory provisions are warranted to ensure that Hawaii consumers are afforded certain safeguards when contacted by an exempt agency. Your Committee believes that this measure will enable the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to adequately oversee the growing number of exempt out-of-state collection agencies in a manner that protects Hawaii's consumers,



while also preserving the reciprocal benefits of exempt out-of-state collection agencies.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2508, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB2508 HDI	Committee Referral: CPN, WAM	Date: 3-28-12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will				✓
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
RYAN, Pohai	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	11	0	0	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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