

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 20, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2158

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2158 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BAIL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require law enforcement agencies to accept cash bail, certified copies of pre-filed bail bonds, and original bail bonds when the court is closed, including nights, weekends, and holidays, to facilitate the prompt release of the defendant from custody or imprisonment.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Office of the Public Defender, Exodus Bail Bond, Da Kine Bail Bonds, Professional Bail Agents, and Wiki Wiki Bail Bonds, LLC testified in support of this measure. The Department of Public Safety testified in support of the intent of this measure. Two concerned individuals provided comments on this measure.

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 S.B. No. 2158 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



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



GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



