

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 30 , 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2247
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

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. 2247, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow electronic communication service providers to divulge the contents of electronic communications to law enforcement agencies, public safety entities, and public safety answering points in an emergency situation involving danger of death or serious physical injury.

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, County of Maui Police Department, and one concerned individual testified in support of this measure. The American Civil Liberties Union and the Hawaii Coalition Against Domestic Violence provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language requiring the governmental entity requesting the disclosure of information to provide written certification of the emergency; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



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. 2247, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2247, S.D. 2, 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-ASARAN, Chair



