

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 23, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2261

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. 2261 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Reduce violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity;
- (2) Improve the quality of life in Hawaii's neighborhoods;
and
- (3) Encourage community revitalization across the State,

by permanently establishing the Weed and Seed Program within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and appropriating an unspecified amount of general fund revenues to maintain current Weed and Seed Programs and expand the Program into other areas of the State.

The Department of Public Safety; the Honolulu Police Department; Empower Oahu; Kalihi Baptist Church; Hawaii's Most Wanted Magazine; Cedar Assembly of God; Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church; Pacific Gateway Center; Haseko Development, Inc.; the Gentry Companies; Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii, Hale Pono Clubhouse; Meridian Pacific, Ltd.; and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Office of Community Services of the

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Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, and Department of Human Services submitted 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. 2261 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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


GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



