

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 23, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2262
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2262, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REPORTING DEATHS TO STATE AGENCIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Health to disclose, pursuant to a written request and agreement, the names of all persons whose deaths have been recorded by the Department within a specified time period to state agencies that maintain official lists of persons in the ordinary course of the agency's activities and are prohibited by federal law from sharing information on the lists.

The Department of Health, Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund Board of Trustees, and Department of Human Services testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the Department of Health may disclose death information to state agencies as this bill provides notwithstanding section 338-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to eliminate any potential conflict between the two provisions; 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 H.B. No. 2262, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2262, H.D. 2.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



