

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 13, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 88  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 88 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION OF LAWS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the construction of Hawaii law by repealing the provision establishing that the terms "or" and "and" each have the meaning of the other.

The Hawaii Insurers Council and two concerned individuals testified in opposition to this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by establishing that the dictionary definitions of the terms "or" and "and" will apply, except that if the context requires the term "or" may be construed to mean "and" or "or".

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. 88, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 88, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.



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

*Karl Rhoads*

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KARL RHOADS, Chair



