

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3559

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2022

RE: H.B. No. 2213
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2213, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MAIL THEFT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the misdemeanor offense of theft of mail.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the ongoing coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic has changed the way many families rely on delivery services. There has been a major increase in the amount of online orders being placed, and subsequently fulfilled by shipping items through the mail. Most packages sent through the mail are left outside the door at their intended destination if there is no mail receptacle large enough for the package on site. Your Committee further finds that reports of mail theft are on the rise. When mail carriers leave packages by doors or in otherwise unsecured mail receptacles, the packages are susceptible to theft, leading to frustration from senders and intended recipients. This measure



will provide necessary protection to the property of the State's residents.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

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. 2213, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2213, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



