

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 621

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1656

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1656 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SERVICE OF PROCESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve the service of processes by:

- (1) Codifying court rules that establish who may serve process and subpoenas in civil actions;
- (2) Requiring that all writs and court orders be served by a civil court officer or private investigator;
- (3) Establishing standards and procedures for registering civil process servers;
- (4) Establishing standards of conduct for private process servers; and
- (5) Establishing an Office of Civil Process Commission to regulate civil process servers.

The Hawaii Deputy Sheriffs' Association testified in support of this bill. The Attorney General and Judiciary opposed this measure.

HB1656 HD1 HSCR JUD HMS 2007-1958

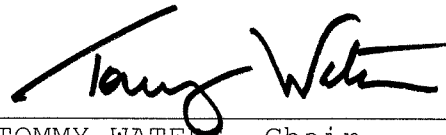


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2050, to promote further discussion; 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. 1656, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1656, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



TOMMY WATERS, Chair



