

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 3170

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 3170 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect personal information included in public records by providing that only the last four digits of a social security number may be listed on judgments, orders, or decrees endorsed and recorded in the Bureau of Conveyances (Bureau) or Land Court.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Department of Land and Natural Resources testified in support of this bill. The Consumer Data Industry Association offered comments.

Current law requires judgments, orders, and decrees to include the social security number, Hawaii Tax Identification Number, or Federal Employer Identification Number for entities against whom the judgment, order, or decree is rendered, before the instrument may be recorded in the Bureau or Land Court. The intended use of this information is the positive identification of debtors in instances where similar names may cause discrepancies in records such as credit reports. However, the inclusion of social security numbers in Bureau and Land Court public records also leaves this information vulnerable to improper uses.



By prohibiting the full disclosure of social security numbers in these public records, this bill will help reduce the opportunities for identity theft.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3170 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce,

  
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ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



