

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 28, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 3002
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 3002 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROSTITUTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to deter prostitution by making a third and subsequent conviction a class C felony when the offense is committed by a person who pays, or offers or agrees to pay, a fee for sex with another person. Currently, any subsequent conviction for any person engaging in sexual conduct with another person for a fee is a \$500 fine and a 30-day imprisonment or probation.

The Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13, the Board of the Honolulu Tower Association of Apartment Owners, and numerous Kukui Plaza residents and employees testified in support of this bill. The Office of the Public Defender opposed this measure.

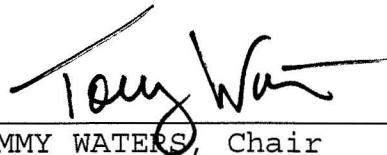
Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Adding a defective date of January 1, 2112, to encourage 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. 3002, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3002, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



TOMMY WATERS, Chair



