STAND. COM. REP. NO. 405 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

Fe416, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2298

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2298 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISCLOSURE OF VITAL STATISTICS RECORDS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to add law enforcement officers to those who are considered to have a direct and tangible interest in public health statistic records.

The Department of the Attorney General (AG) and the Hawaii County Police Department supported this bill.

The AG reported that this bill is necessary because, at times, during the course of an investigation, law enforcement officers may need access to these vital records. An example given was that of the use of a death certificate in a homicide investigation when deciding what charge, if any, to bring against a suspect.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2298 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair

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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Health**

HB 2298	Date:	02/13/04	,	
Committee Referral: HLT, JUD	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	□ P	ass, with amendment	s	
☐ Hold	☐ Recommit			
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ARAKAKI, Dennis A. (C)				
<ol> <li>GREEN, Josh, M.D. (VC)</li> <li>CABANILLA, Rida T.R.</li> <li>HALE, Heléne H.</li> </ol>				
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				
6. SONSON, Alex M. 7. HALFORD, Chris				
TOTAL	7	•	•	ð
The recommendation is:  Adopted  Not Adopted  If joint referral,  con	nmittee acronyn	did not suppo	rt recommendation.	
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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