STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2612

Honolulu, Hawaii

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S.B. No. 2298 RE:

S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda President of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2298 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHAPTER 448E, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to strengthen the enforcement provisions in chapter 448E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, prohibiting unlicensed electrical and plumbing activities.

Testimony in support of the measure was submitted by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1186. The Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., Hawaii Chapter, the Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association of Hawaii, the Sheet Metal Contractors Association, and Hawaiian Telcom opposed the measure.

Your Committee finds that this measure reflects the efforts of a task force convened by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to review and strengthen current practices relating to enforcement of unlicensed electrical and plumbing activities. Your Committee further finds that the parties who testified for and against the measure have agreed to compromise language so that the measure may move forward for further consideration.

Your Committee has amended this measure to:



- (1) Delete reference to a final order of the board of electricians and plumbers relating to an advertising violation;
- (2) Substitute "entity" for "public utility" with reference to furnishing telephone service;
- (3) Delete the subsection that added an additional fine based on total contract price;
- (4) Change the effective date to July 1, 2050, for purposes of further discussion; and
- (5) Make technical, nonsubstantive amendments for proper drafting style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2298, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2298, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

ROW MENOR, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Housing (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* Committee Res	eferral:	Date: 3	12/06	, o
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.				
If so, then the previous decision was to:				
The Recommendation is to:				
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit (2312) (2311) (2310) (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
MENOR, Ron (C)				
BAKER, Rosalyri H. (VC) ESPERO, Will		·		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
IGE, David Y.				
SAKAMOTO, Norman				
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: Kasaly H Bylen				
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^{*}Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.