STAND. COM. REP. NO. 437

Honolulu, Hawaii

Fely 15, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1518

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1518 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DESIGN PROFESSIONALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect design professionals from frivolous lawsuits by establishing certificate of merit requirements.

ECS, Inc.; Masa Fujioka & Associates; Fukunaga & Associates, Inc.; the American Council of Engineering Companies of Hawaii; Gray, Hong, Nojima and Associates, Inc.; Coalition of Hawaii Engineering & Architectural Professionals; KAI Hawaii Inc.; and Sam O. Hirota, Inc., testified in support of this bill. The Department of Accounting and General Services and Consumer Lawyers of Hawaii opposed this measure.

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. 1518 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 Consumer Protection & Commerce,

ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-fourth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.:	Date:			
нв 1518	February 12, 2007			
Committee Referral:	☐ The committee is reconsidering its			
CPC, JUD	previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	☐ Pass, with amendments			
☐ Hold	Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration			
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HERKES, Robert N. (C)	χ			
2. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)	χ			
3. CALDWELL, Kirk	<u> </u>			
4. EVANS, Cindy	×			
5. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	X			
6. ITO, Ken				×
7. LUKE, Sylvia	×			
8. MORITA, Hermina M.	*			
9. SONSON, Alex M.	×			
10. SOUKI, Joseph M.	×		- M. C C.	
11. TSUJI, Clift	×			
12. YAMANE, Ryan I.	κ			
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	X			
14. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	K			
15. THIELEN, Cynthia				X
				42
TOTAL	13			2
The recommendation is: Adopted				
☐ Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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