

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 275

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. 275 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS
ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect student-athletes
and educational institutions from potentially unscrupulous
practices of athlete agents.

More specifically, this bill is based on the Uniform Athlete
Agents Act which proposes to regulate the dealings of athlete
agents with students regarding agency contracts. Among other
things, the Uniform Athlete Agents Act:

- (1) Requires athlete agents to register with the Department
of Commerce and Consumer Affairs;
- (2) Specifies conditions under which athlete agents may be
denied a certificate of registration, or have their
certificates suspended or revoked;
- (3) Specifies the elements of an agency contract;
- (4) Requires athlete agents to notify the student's
educational institution that the student has entered
into an agency contract; and



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- (5) Specifies prohibited conduct and classifies such conduct as a misdemeanor.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii, the Department of Education, and the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation. Testimony in opposition to the measure was received from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that the measure is based on a uniform law that has been enacted in at least thirty-six jurisdictions. This measure is necessary to protect both the student athletes and their academic institutions from the potential loss of intercollegiate eligibility as a result of entering into an athlete-agent contract.

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. 275 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 275		Date: February 14, 2007		
Committee Referral: HED, CPC, FIN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Hold		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration		
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HERKES, Robert N. (C)	X			
2. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)	X			
3. CALDWELL, Kirk				X
4. EVANS, Cindy	X			
5. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	X			
6. ITO, Ken	X			
7. LUKE, Sylvia				X
8. MORITA, Hermina M.	X			
9. SONSON, Alex M.	X			
10. SOUKI, Joseph M.				X
11. TSUJI, Clift	X			
12. YAMANE, Ryan I.	X			
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	X			
14. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.		X		
15. THIELEN, Cynthia	X			
TOTAL	11	1		3
The recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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