STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1595

Honolulu, Hawaii APR 0 5 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1614

H.D. 2 S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

## Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1614, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DRUGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to increase the capacity of the Department of the Attorney General's Nuisance Abatement Unit to enforce and prosecute drug nuisance abatement laws.

The Department of the Attorney General submitted comments in support of this measure.

Your Committee finds that the Nuisance Abatement Unit has improved coordination with other law enforcement agencies to combat illegal drug activities and prohibit drug dealers from remaining in drug houses in our communities. This measure will help continue effective responses to drug nuisance complaints by increasing the number of staff for the Nuisance Abatement Unit.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation from \$150,000 to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2007.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1614, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1614, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

## Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:*			ŧ	ate:	
HB 1614 HD2,501 JDL,		WAM		3/29/07	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)		/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)					
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne					
ENGLISH, J. Kalani					
FUKUNAGA, Carol					
HOOSER, Gary L.		//			
KIM, Donna Mercado		/			
MENOR, Ron					1
TOKUDA, Jill N.					
HEMMINGS, Fred		/			
WHALEN, Paul					
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TOTAL		10	0	0	
Recommendation:  Adopted		Not Adopted			
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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