STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1747

Honolulu, Hawaii APR 13 2007

RE: S.R. No. 14

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.R. No. 14 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF CIGARETTE FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS ESTABLISHED IN OTHER STATES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of the Attorney General to study the impact of cigarette fire safety standards established in other states and Canada.

Testimony in support of this measure was received from the Chair of the State Fire Council (SFC), Fire Chief of the Kaua'i Fire Department (KFD), and the Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawai'i. The Attorney General opposed the measure citing that the Department of the Attorney General lacks the expertise and resources necessary to conduct the study.

Testifiers in support of this measure requested that the study include fire-safe cigarettes. Presently, eight states have passed legislation relating to fire-safe cigarettes and twenty-one states have pending legislation including H.B. No. 637.

Your Committee finds that this measure requests the Attorney General to consult with the Department of Health, the Department of Taxation and the State Fire Council to determine whether Hawai'i could benefit from new safety standards and laws both in the United States and Canada. The expertise which is being sought by

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this measure from the Department of the Attorney General's is reviewing laws and as a facilitator. Your Committee believes that the Department of Attorney General possesses the expertise called for by this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 14 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

CLAYTON HEE, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

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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	
HEE, Clayton (C)		V				
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (VC)					V /	
INOUYE, Lorraine R.					V	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.						
GABBARD, Mike		V				
TOTAL		3			2	
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted						
Chair's or Designee's Signature:						
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