STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1491

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred S.B. No. 1491 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide a revenue source to fund investigations and the operation of an independent forensic drug laboratory for narcotics enforcement.

Specifically, this measure expands the permitted use of funds from the Controlled Substance Registration Revolving Fund to include offsetting the cost of investigation of violations and funding the Department of Public Safety Narcotics Enforcement Division's forensic drug laboratory facility.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Department of Public Safety and the Honolulu Police Department.

Your Committee finds that an independent forensic drug laboratory is necessary to maintain the integrity of investigations and keep up with the ever-expanding role of the Narcotics Enforcement Division in investigations involving controlled substances and the associated requirements of subsequent forensic drug analysis.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B.

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No. 1491 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Public Safety,

WILL ESPERO, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes Committee on Public Safety PBS

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1491	Committee PBS,	Referral: WAM	Da	te: 2/6/5	7
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
ESPERO, Will (C)		1			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)		<i>V</i>			
SAKAMOTO, Norman					
WHALEN, Paul		115,1911			
TOTAL		3			1
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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