STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3276**

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2361

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Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui President of the Senate Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2012 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2361, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEBT COLLECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide for the efficient collection of debts owed to state agencies.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Authorizes the Department of the Attorney General to collect delinquent accounts for executive departments, except for the Department of Taxation and the University of Hawaii, that are delinquent for more than ninety days; and
- (2) Establishes a civil recoveries fund into which shall be deposited an unspecified percentage of any moneys collected by the Department of the Attorney General on behalf of any executive department, to be used for collection-related expenses, training, education, and other costs.

Written comments in support of this measure were submitted by the Department of the Attorney General. Written comments were submitted by the Department of Budget and Finance.

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Your Committee finds that this measure empowers the Department of the Attorney General to act as a central collection agency for delinquent accounts of all executive departments except for the Department of Taxation and the University of Hawaii. This centralization effort will help to make the collection of the accounts more efficient and effective.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 2361, 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. 2361, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.

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

DAVID X. IGE, Chai

The Senate Twenty-Sixth Legislature State of Hawai'i

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