Honolulu, Hawaii

March 14, 2012

RE: H.R. No. 5 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2012 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.R. No. 5 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THAT THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION ONLY PROTECTS RIGHTS OF NATURAL PERSONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge Congress to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution providing that corporations are not persons under the laws of the United States or any of its jurisdictional subdivisions.

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii, Americans for Democratic Action Hawaii, Common Cause Hawaii, and one concerned individual testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 5, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 5, H.D. 1.

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

GILBERT KEITH-ACARAN, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

HR5	Committee Referral:	D, FIN Date	3/81	12
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: ☐ Pass, unamended (as is) ☐ Pass, with amendments (HD) ☐ Hold ☐ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	(C) /			·
2. RHOADS, Karl (VC)				
3. BROWER, Tom	/			
4. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	✓			
5. CARROLL, Mele				~
6. COFFMAN, Denny				
7. HERKES, Robert N.)))
8. ITO, Ken				
9. LUKE, Sylvia				
10. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	1			
11. SOUKI, Joseph M.				
12. TSUJI, Clift				
13. FONTAINE, George R.				
14. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.				
15. THIELEN, Cynthia				
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TOTAL (15)	9	2	0	4
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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