

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 18, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 238

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 238 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE
INSPECTOR GENERAL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Office of the State Inspector General to investigate complaints alleging fraud, waste, abuse, or corruption by a state agency, quasi-public agency, or the officers or employees of those agencies. The Office of the State Inspector General will promote integrity and accountability, and maximize efficiency and effectiveness of state and quasi-public agencies through the conduct of independent investigations and performance reviews.

Two concerned individuals testified in support of the measure. The Office of the Auditor and the Department of the Attorney General provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Establishing the Office of the State Inspector General within the Department of Accounting and General Services for administrative purposes only, instead of in the Office of the Auditor; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 238, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 238, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



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