STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3733**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 0 5 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2444

H.D. 1 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2444, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to temporarily authorize the Department of Health to conduct criminal history record checks of applicants for permits to operate as a hemp processor.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that, to become a licensed hemp processor in the State, an applicant must satisfy a criminal background check requirement. Prospective applicants may satisfy criminal background checks through a fingerprint and criminal background check conducted by the Department of Health. However, existing powers of the Department of Health do not provide them with the authority to conduct criminal history record checks on consenting hemp processor applicants. Accordingly, this measure

clarifies existing procedures to effectuate the legislative intent of Act 263, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, while ensuring timely processing of hemp processor permits.

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. 2444, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

KARL RHOADS, Chair

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The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawai'i

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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
RHOADS, Karl (C)		V/			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)					
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.			/		
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.					
AWA, Brenton					
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