

STAND. COM. REP.
NO. 1322

Honolulu, Hawaii
, 2005

RE:
H.B.
No. 553

H.D. 1

S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2005
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 553, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM INFORMATION PRACTICES ACT (MODIFIED),"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow government agencies to withhold personal information contained in government records open to public inspection where the disclosure of this information would be an unwarranted invasion of privacy.

The Office of Information Practices testified in support of the measure.

Your Committee finds that the purpose of this measure to shield certain information from public inspection where the disclosure of the information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. This measure is designed to balance the competing interests of public inspection and disclosure with the protection of highly personal and sensitive information.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Deleting the broad exceptions for public inspection of all government records and limiting the exception to government records, which if disclosed, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy; and

(2) Excluding from disclosure the social security numbers of individuals under contract with the government.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 553, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 553, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted
on behalf of the
members of the
Committee on Judiciary
and Hawaiian Affairs,

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