

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 22, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2398  
S.D. 2  
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 Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 2398, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TATTOO ARTISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enhance the licensing and regulation of tattoo artists by, among other things:

- (1) Restricting the sale of tattoo supplies;
- (2) Requiring every tattoo artist license applicant to pass a blood borne pathogen test as a prerequisite for licensure and requiring a person holding a tattoo artist license to pass a blood borne pathogen test every two years;
- (3) Prohibiting body modification or piercing at product or educational demonstrations;
- (4) Prohibiting tattoo trade shows in the State until implementing rules are adopted by the Department of Health; and
- (5) Establishing a tattoo artist task force to enhance the regulation of tattoo artists and report its findings and



recommendations to the Legislature prior to the convening of the 2013 Regular Legislative Session.

The Chow Project and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. Several individuals testified in support of this measure with amendments. The Department of Health testified in opposition to this measure. Four individuals provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2398, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Legislative Management.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce,



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ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



