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COPPER ANYONE?

Let's catch the people stealing the copper.

S.B. 1229, introduced by Senator Will Espero (D-Ewa/Waipahu), will help law enforcement agencies tackle the spate of copper thefts on Oahu. The bill requires scrap dealers to take a thumbprint and identification of all persons selling copper and each week to give complete information regarding all copper transactions to the Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs (DCCA). Each day, DCCA will turn over incoming copper sale information to law enforcement agencies. The bill also bans scrap dealers from accepting copper from anyone who cannot supply the required ID or is under age 18.

Residents, public utility companies, private companies and state entities are paying hefty costs to replace the stolen copper and repair the damages caused by the thefts. S.B. 1229, passed the Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Affordable Housing, chaired by Senator Brian Taniguchi, and Judiciary & Labor, chaired by Senator Clayton Hee. The Ways & Means Committee, chaired by Senator Roslyn Baker, held a public hearing on February 22, and will decide on the measure February 28, 2007. *S.B. 1229, "Relating to Scrap Dealers."*

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