

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 10, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1815

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1815 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve the delivery of child protective services by requiring the Department of Human Services (DHS) to make a good faith effort and establish procedures to locate, identify, and interview extended family members of a child for possible foster custody placement of the child.

DHS and a concerned individual testified in support of this measure. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs opposed this measure. Kokua Ohana offered comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1815 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,



ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



