

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1995  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1995 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A MINOR,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect children by expanding the crimes of endangering the welfare of a minor in the first degree and second degree to include situations in which an individual causes or permits a minor to:

- (1) Endure unjustifiable physical pain or mental suffering;  
or
- (2) Be injured or be placed in a dangerous situation.

The Department of Public Safety testified in support of this bill. The Office of the Public Defender opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2006, to promote further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency and clarity.



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. 1995, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1995, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



