

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 453-06

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 16, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2050
H.D. 2

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. 2050, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL MATCHMAKING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect immigrants who date Hawaii residents through international matchmaking organizations (IMOs) from domestic violence and abuse, and reduce domestic violence in our community by, among other things, requiring Hawaii residents to provide criminal and marital history information, including domestic abuse orders of protection issued against the Hawaii resident, prior to receiving service from the IMO.

The Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence testified in support of this bill. Na Loio Immigrant Rights supported the bill with amendments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

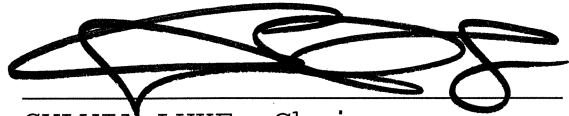
- (1) Requiring that complete, instead of incomplete, criminal and marital records of the Hawaii resident be submitted to the IMO when requesting matchmaking services from the IMO;
- (2) Making the reference to "Hawaii resident" consistent within the bill; and



- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

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. 2050, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2050, H.D. 2.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



