

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2071

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. 2071 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to strengthen the role of fathers in children's lives by appropriating \$122,000 to the State Commission on Fatherhood (Commission) to fulfill its duties.

The Commission and Family Support Services of West Hawaii testified in support of this measure. The Department of Human Services provided comments.

Your Committee finds that the recently established Commission is currently operating on a volunteer basis. As a result, the Commission is primarily staffed by working fathers who are in need of resources to enhance and improve its services. Funds appropriated to the Commission may also be used to leverage funds from other sources.

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. 2071 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



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

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ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



