

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2365
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 Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2365 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NOTICE TO FOSTER PARENTS FOR CHAPTER 587, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT HEARINGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to:

- (1) Clarify notice of hearing requirements; and
- (2) Expand opportunities for foster parents to attend all hearings under the Child Protective Act.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Naming foster parents as parties for purposes of the hearings;
- (2) Authorizing DHS to designate former foster parents as parties, if necessary; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



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. 2365, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2365, H.D. 1, 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



