

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 23, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 1512
S.D. 1
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 S.B. No. 1512, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to take steps to reduce domestic violence by authorizing the Director of Health to establish domestic violence fatality review teams to conduct multidisciplinary and multiagency reviews of domestic violence fatalities.

The Department of Health, Department of the Attorney General, Judiciary, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Kauai, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline testified in support of this bill. The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawaii supported this measure with amendments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by, among other things:

- (1) Adding definitions for:
 - (A) "Dating relationship";
 - (B) "Domestic violence";



- (C) "Extreme psychological abuse"; and
- (D) "Malicious property damage";
- (2) Expanding the definition of "family" to include other household members and certain persons not part of the household;
- (3) Clarifying that domestic violence fatality review information and statistical compilations of data that:
 - (A) Does not contain any information that would permit the identification of any person; and
 - (B) Was not previously publicly disclosed;shall be public record; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 S.B. No. 1512, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1512, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

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


SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



