

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2188
S.D. 1
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 S.B. No. 2188, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to amend the composition of the State Commission on Fatherhood (Fatherhood Commission) by replacing the Director of the Office of Children and Youth with the Director of Public Safety (DPS).

The Department of Human Services, Fatherhood Commission, Children's Rights Council, Hawaii Coalition for Dads, and West Hawaii Fatherhood Initiative supported this bill.

Your Committee recognizes that the Fatherhood Commission promotes healthy family relationships between parents and children. DPS and Family Court play critical roles to families and their representation would help to enhance the effectiveness of the Fatherhood Commission.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Adding an administrator of the Family Courts as a member of the Fatherhood Commission and increasing the number of members to 16 to reflect the addition; and



- (2) 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 S.B. No. 2188, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2188, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



