

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2328  
S.D. 2  
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. 2328, S.D. 2, 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 testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii Foster Parent Association supported this measure with amendments. The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii opposed this bill. The Judiciary offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the period in which notices of hearings subsequent to the disposition hearing must be served from seven calendar days to 48 hours;



- (2) Specifying that "party" or "parties" shall include the current foster parents; 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 S.B. No. 2328, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2328, S.D. 2, 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



