

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3215  
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 Committees on Human Services and Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 3215, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILDREN,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to support children of incarcerated parents by statutorily establishing the Children of Incarcerated Parents Task Force (Task Force) to:

- (1) Develop a system to identify children of incarcerated parents;
- (2) Develop programs and support services for these children;
- (3) Provide support for incarcerated parents, where appropriate; and
- (4) Develop programs to strengthen these families.

This bill also appropriates funds for the Task Force's expenses.



The Department of Human Services, Hawaii Youth Services Network, Blueprint for Change, Community Alliance on Prisons, and Keiki O Ka Aina Family Learning Centers testified in support of this bill.

Your Committees note that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 128, Regular Session of 2005, established the Task Force. The Task Force met three times, but was unable to complete its task in time. Your Committees believe that providing support to children of all ages who may be suffering emotionally while their parents are incarcerated is very important.

Your Committees note that one member of the Task Force estimates that expenses for the Task Force would be approximately \$25,000.

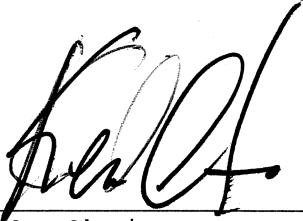
Your Committees have amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing the Administrator of the Intake Service Centers of the Department of Public Safety as a member of the Task Force;
- (2) Adding representatives from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center, and the University of Hawaii Department of Sociology, as members of the Task Force;
- (3) Establishing the Task Force for a period of one year, instead of two;
- (4) Requiring the Task Force to submit a report to the Legislature and the general public; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Public Safety & Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3215, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3215, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Human Services  
and Public Safety & Military  
Affairs,



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KEN ITO, Chair



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ALEX M. SONSON, Chair





