

Honolulu, Hawaii

July 31, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2050
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 International Affairs,
to which was referred H.B. No. 2050 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL MATCHMAKING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect individuals using the services of an international matchmaking organization (IMO) by requiring domestic abuse orders of protection issued against the person to be disclosed upon the request of marital history information.

Na Loio Immigrant Rights and Public Interest Legal Center, Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline, and Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence testified in support of this measure.

Your Committees find that there have been instances of abuse in Hawaii involving individuals who have used the services of an IMO and that further protections are needed.

Your Committees have amended this bill by:

- (1) Mandating IMOs to require a client to submit or authorize access to criminal history and marital history information upon the client requesting the services of the IMO;



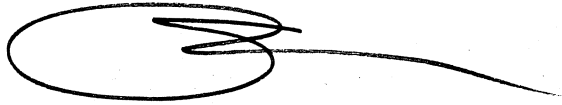
- (2) Requiring IMO's submit annual reports on business activities to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs;
- (3) Placing Hawaii residents using the services of an IMO under the jurisdiction of Hawaii's laws; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and International Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2050, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2050, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Human Services
and International Affairs,



HELENE H. HALE, Chair



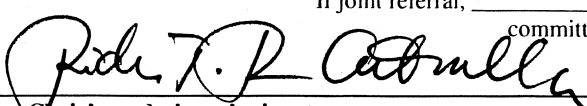
ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on International Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2050		Date: Jan 27, 2006		
Committee Referral: HUS/INT, JUD		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit				
INT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HALE, Heléne H. (C)	✓			
2. CABANILLA, Rida T.R. (VC)	✓			
3. ARAKAKI, Dennis A.	✓			
4. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	✓			
5. SONSON, Alex M.	✓			
6. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			(X) ERROR RC
TOTAL	6			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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