

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2141
S.D. 2

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2141, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEX ASSAULT SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for sexual assault services.

Your Committee finds that funding for services to prevent sexual assault or violence has suffered in recent years due to a lackluster economy and piecemeal funding when available. A recent report highlighted the following consequences of inadequate funding:

- (1) Decrease or lack of core essential services;
- (2) Underreporting of sexually violent crimes;
- (3) Fragmented services that are not comprehensive;
- (4) Inexperienced and untrained staff due to high turnover rates;
- (5) Limited or lack of coordination between government agencies at all levels; and
- (6) Excessive reporting and grant submission costs.



This bill would provide the necessary funds to address these concerns to better assist programs or services to prevent sexual assault. Your Committee, however, would like to study this matter further, and has therefore amended the bill by appropriating an unspecified amount.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2141, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2141, S.D. 2.

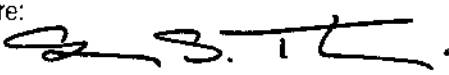
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Ways and Means
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* SB 2141 SD1	Committee Referral: HTH/JHW, WAM	Date: 2/24/06		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
HOOSER, Gary L.				/
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/			
KANNO, Brian				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
SAKAMOTO, Norman				/
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TRIMBLE, Gordon	/			
TOTAL	10	0	0	5
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.