

Honolulu, Hawaii

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

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, 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 measure is to remove the Director of the Office of Children and Youth as a member of the Commission on Fatherhood and to add the Director of Public Safety, or designee, as a member of the Commission on Fatherhood.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services.

The Commission on Fatherhood plays an important role in promoting healthy family relationships between parents and children, and promotes involved, nurturing, responsible fatherhood. Your Committee finds that the presence of fathers has a positive impact on the lives of their children, as reflected in better school performance, fewer high-risk behaviors, higher self-esteem, and less substance abuse.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2188, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Hawaiian Affairs,

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COLLEEN HANABUSA, Chair



