

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1420 -08

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 27, 2008

RE: H.R. No. 71

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.R. No. 71 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO CONFER PRIORITY STATUS TO CHILDREN BORN TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PERSONNEL AND FOREIGN WOMEN DURING AND UP TO NINE MONTHS AFTER DEPLOYMENT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE AND EXPEDITE THE IMMIGRATION OF THESE CHILDREN AND WOMEN TO THE UNITED STATES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the passage of legislation to confer priority status to children born to Department of Defense personnel and foreign women during and up to nine months after deployment in order to facilitate and expedite the immigration of these children and women to the United States.

Your Committee finds that the passage of this federal legislation, by conferring citizenship status to children born to Department of Defense personnel during or up to nine months after deployment in a foreign country would not only facilitate the father's expression of responsibility to the child by shortening the process by which both the child and the mother may enter the United States, but would also help restore the ethical standing of the United States by enabling its overseas military representatives to assume proper responsibility for their actions when they leave a foreign country.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 71 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety &
Military Affairs,



CINDY EVANS, Chair



