STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1601 -08 Honolulu, Hawaii , 2008 S.B. No. 2054 RE: S.D. 2 H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2054, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FAMILY COURT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to guide the courts when awarding custody and visitation rights in disputes over a minor child. This bill clarifies the existing standards followed by the courts by providing criteria to help determine what constitutes the best interest of the child.

VOICES and several concerned individuals supported this bill. The Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Deleting the reference to the psychological adjustment of a parent in the criteria to be used in determining the best interests of the child, which is not otherwise described in this measure; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2054, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2054, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary,

TOMMY WATERS, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.: Committee		Date	Date: 3 -27 -08		
SB2054, SD2, HD1 (HSCR1163-08)	HSH,JUD	l	\$ 21-00		
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision			~		
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) 2 Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) 					
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. WATERS, Tommy (C)	1				
2. OSHIRO, Blake K. (VC)	1				
3. EVANS, Cindy	1				
4. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	/				
5. ITO, Ken				1	
6. LUKE, Sylvia	~				
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	~				
8. MORITA, Hermina M.	/				
9. SONSON, Alex M.				-	
10. SOUKI, Joseph M.				/	
11. TSUJI, Clift					
12. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓				
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	~				
14. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.					
15. PINE, Kymberly Marcos				1	
16. THIELEN, Cynthia	\checkmark				
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature:	and		3	3	
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