

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2969

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 17 2008

RE: H.B. No. 524
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 524, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish that notice of permanent plan hearings shall be provided at least forty-eight hours prior to the hearing to a child in the custody of the Department of Human Services who is subject to a permanent plan and is at least fourteen years of age.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Department of Human Services and the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that this measure seeks to protect the interests of foster children in child welfare proceedings, would engender better understanding of the overwhelming system into which foster children have been brought, and would promote more consistent court practices across the state circuits.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to "upon approval".

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 524, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends

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that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 524, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services and
Public Housing,


Suzanne Chun Oakland

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services and Public Housing
HSP

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB524, HD 2	HSP, JDL	3/18/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<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	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L.				✓
SAKAMOTO, Norman	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
Distribution:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes