

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2706

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 29 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2886
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 Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2886 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to deter acts of child
abandonment.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Establishes the offense of abandonment of a child in the second degree and makes it a misdemeanor to abandon a child by leaving the child with a person in reckless disregard of the risk that the person's true identity is unknown, or that the person has no place of residence or employment or that the other person's true place of residence or employment is unknown; and
- (2) Elevates the existing offense of abandonment of a child with the intent to desert the child to a class C felony and renames the offense to child abandonment in the first degree.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii. Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by the Office of the Public Defender.



Your Committee notes that it is not their intent to penalize parents who rely on the representation of others or other individuals who falsely identify themselves.

Your Committee has amended this measure by amending the effective date to July 1, 2050, for the purpose of facilitating further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2886, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2886, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



