

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 10, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1788

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1788 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to require the Family Court to provide relevant information to the Department of Public Safety (PSD) for any statewide victim information and notification program.

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Judiciary and PSD provided comments.

Your Committee notes that according to testimony by PSD, a victim information and notification program has been developed and is in the process of implementation using federal funds. Your Committee emphasizes that this valuable program will have a financial impact on the State in the coming years, most likely to begin with fiscal year 2010.

Upon consideration, your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and

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- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1788, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1788, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



