

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 16

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 5, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 815

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. 815 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to fund domestic violence prevention programs by authorizing counties to impose fees on those convicted of domestic violence.

Several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu (DPA) supported the intent of this measure.

The DPA noted that the legal and technical mechanics affected by this measure are complicated and will likely require a significant amount of study, negotiation, and planning to generate any meaningful revenue.

Should the Committee on Judiciary hear this measure, your Committee respectfully recommends that it work with DPA to prepare an H.D. 1 that includes a task force, to serve without compensation, to investigate the complex factors involved.

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. 815 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



