

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 3, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2158
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2158 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to address the critical problem of domestic violence in Hawaii by requiring the Department of Human Services (DHS) to develop grant programs by which private, not-for-profit organizations, and public entities administer federal stimulus funds, private foundation grants, and other funds to prevent and respond to domestic violence.

A concerned individual testified in support of this bill. DHS opposed this measure.

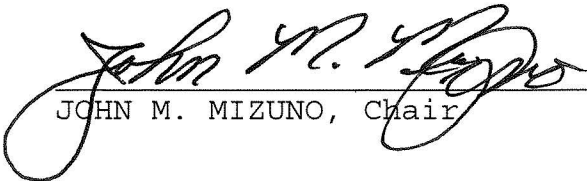
Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Allowing, rather than requiring, DHS to establish the grant programs and the process for awarding grants;
- (2) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) 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. 2158, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2158, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



