

Honolulu, Hawaii  
Feb 5, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2265  
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. 2265 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that the best interests of a child are taken into consideration when court custody decisions are made by amending custody and visitation criteria and procedures to expand on points the courts must consider.

Several concerned individuals supported this bill. A concerned individual supported this bill with amendments.

Your Committee appreciates the comments presented to it by a concerned individual about ensuring that a child's best interests are taken into consideration when court custody decisions are made. This should be done by taking into account the child's views, preferences, and fears about the current and prospective family situation. Also, when considering the safe placement of a child the demonstrated actions of a parent to protect their child must be considered as well as that parent's perceived willingness to protect the child.

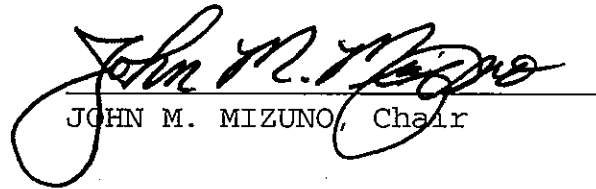
Your Committee respectfully requests the Committee on Judiciary to consider amending the bill to address these concerns.



Your Committee has amended this bill by changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

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. 2265, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2265, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

  
JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

HSCR 155-10

Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2265	Committee Referral: HUS, JUD	Date: 2/10/10		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)	/			
2. BROWER, Tom (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III				/
5. CARROLL, Mele	/			
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	/			
7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				/
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
9. WARD, Gene	/			
TOTAL (9)	7	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Tom Brower</u>				
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