

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 317

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 18, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 229

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. 229 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide greater protection to victims of domestic violence whom the courts and police are attempting to keep safe through family court domestic abuse protective orders, and through police orders requiring a person to leave the victim's premises.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Attorney General, the Honolulu Police Department, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney for Honolulu, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Maui, the Domestic Violence Action Center, the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and a concerned individual. The Office of the Public Defender opposed the bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Replacing its contents with the language of H.B. No. 1020 to preserve the 2007 and 2008 amendments to sections 707-711 and 707-716, Hawaii Revised Statutes, that were inadvertently omitted from this bill;



- (2) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050 to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, non-substantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

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. 229, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 229, 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



