

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 5, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 728

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. 728 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to require the Judiciary to establish a three-year pilot project to examine the use of electronic filing for requests for and issuance of domestic abuse temporary restraining orders on nights and weekends.

A concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The Judiciary, the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and the Domestic Violence Action Center provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Replacing the three-year pilot project with a temporary task force to examine the use of electronically filed temporary restraining orders;
- (2) Establishing the membership of the task force;
- (3) Stating that the task force shall serve without compensation;
- (4) Removing the requirement of interim reports;



- (5) Removing the appropriation; and
- (6) 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. 728, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 728, 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



