

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

29

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 5, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 872

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. 872 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE FEDERAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to require the Department of Human Services (DHS) to establish a pilot project to assist undocumented immigrants who are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault.

Several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center provided comments.

In the past year, many domestic violence service providers have seen an increase in the number of immigrants, both documented and undocumented, seeking services. There are several issues complicating the ability of these service providers to assist those seeking help, including language barriers, cultural norms, and legal issues.

Your Committee finds that this measure will serve as a means of mitigating current complications in service delivery to undocumented immigrants. In addition, the Office of Community Services also expressed a willingness to support undocumented immigrants who are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault.

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Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Allowing, rather than requiring, DHS to establish the pilot project; and
- (2) Removing references to contracts with nonprofit organizations; and
- (3) Making other 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. 872, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 872, 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

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 872	<b>Committee Referral:</b> HUS	<b>Date:</b> 02/02/09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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)				
<b>HUS Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
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	/			
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	7	0	0	2
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <span style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</span>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <u>Tom Brower</u>				
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