



TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 1005, RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

DATE: Monday, February 28, 2011 TIME: 1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 308

TESTIFIER(S): David M. Louie, Attorney General, or
Gary L. Kemp, Administrator, Child Support Enforcement
Agency

Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General supports this bill.

The provisions of this bill amend various sections of the Hawaii Revised Statutes in order to bring the Child Support Enforcement Agency into compliance with recent federal law.

Recent amendments made to federal regulations require that all states provide Title IV-D services to tribal IV-D agencies and foreign countries as defined under federal regulations. Failure to comply with this federal requirement would jeopardize federal funding of the Child Support Enforcement Agency and federal funding for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) programs. Compliance with these new requirements, therefore, is necessary to maintain eligibility for federal funding.

We note that the H.D. 1 changed the effective date of this bill to January 7, 2009 to encourage further discussion. We recommend that the effective date of the bill be made July 1, 2011.

We respectfully ask the Committee to pass this bill.