

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2140
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2140 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect children from abuse or neglect by:

- (1) Establishing a preference for allowing a child who has been or is at risk of being abused to remain in a safe family home, and requiring the perpetrator of abuse to leave the home in certain cases of reported or suspected child abuse or neglect; and
- (2) Requiring a service plan to include treatment and services that will be provided to the abused child and perpetrator of the abuse in an effort to return the child in foster care back to the family home.

A concerned individual supported this measure. The Department of Human Services supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Specifying that any police officer may order the alleged perpetrator of the abuse on the child to leave the home

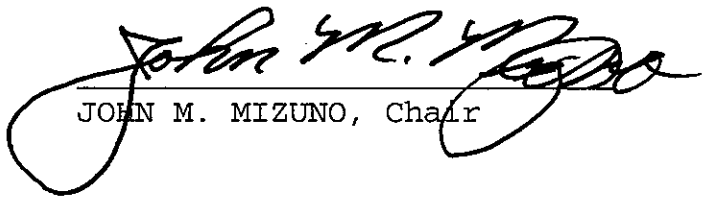


for a period of 24 hours pursuant to section 709-906,
Hawaii Revised Statutes;

- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to promote further discussion; and
- (3) 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. 2140, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2140, 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



