

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 23, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 223
S.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 S.B. No. 223, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC ABUSE ORDERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require a police officer to order a person whom the officer has reasonable grounds to believe has physically abused or harmed a family or household member, to have no contact with the family or household member for a 24-hour period, or longer if the incident occurs on the weekend, when the police officer has reasonable grounds to believe that there is probable danger of further physical abuse or harm to the family or household member.

The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Hawaii Women's Coalition, the Domestic Violence Action Center, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, and AAUW Windward supported this measure.

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 S.B. No. 223, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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



