

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 14, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2505
S.D. 1
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 S.B. No. 2505, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow the family and district courts to issue a temporary restraining order in domestic abuse and harassment cases, respectively, based on sworn oral testimony communicated to the court by telephone, radio, or other means of electronic voice communication when exigent circumstances exist that prevent the applicant from appearing in person.

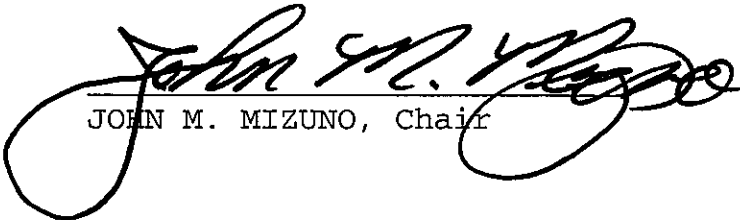
The Judiciary, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, Domestic Violence Action Center, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and the Hawaii Women's Coalition opposed the measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by replacing its contents with a study on the feasibility of allowing a court to issue a temporary restraining order based on sworn oral testimony communicated to the court by electronic measures when exigent circumstances exist that prevent the applicant from appearing in person.



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. 2505, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2505, S.D. 1, 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



