

SB 2313

Measure Title: RELATING TO BACKGROUND CHECKS.

Report Title: Child Abuse; Adult Abuse; Background Checks

Description: Requires the department of human services to allow persons to conduct child and vulnerable adult abuse perpetrator checks on the department's website as part of background checks for employment, volunteer, licensure, or certification purposes.

Companion:

Package: Kupuna

Current Referral: HMS, JDL

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The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Human Services

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

Tuesday, January 31, 2012, 1:15 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 016

by

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Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 2313, Relating to Background Checks.

Purpose: Requires the Department of Human Services to permit access to their website to conduct child and vulnerable adult abuse perpetrator checks for employment, volunteer, licensure, or certification background checks.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary takes no position on this bill but has the following strong concerns about the inclusion of Section 3 in this bill. Child abuse records contain sensitive, confidential information that can be very harmful to victims and innocent family members. Public access to this computerized sensitive information is a grave concern. Even with the supposed protections listed in the bill, there is always a risk that such damaging information might be inadvertently released and/or misused. As everyone knows in this modern technological world, once information has been inappropriately released, very little can be done to either effectively retrieve the information, prevent further dissemination, or to blunt the negative effects of its release.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this measure.

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