

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 19

, 2013

RE: S.B. No. 529

S.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 529, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PARENTAL RIGHTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support survivors of rape or sexual assault by:

- (1) Prohibiting family courts from awarding custody of or visitation with a child to a natural parent who has been convicted of rape or sexual assault if the child was conceived as a result of that offense; and
- (2) Authorizing the family courts to terminate parental rights, with respect to a child, of a natural parent who has been convicted of rape or sexual assault if the child was conceived as a result of the rape or sexual assault.

The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women and The Sex Abuse Treatment Center testified in support of 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. 529, 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,

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MELE CARROLL, Chair



