

Honolulu, Hawaii

January 31, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1993

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1993 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the offense of abuse of family or household members to make the commission of an act of physical abuse in the presence of a family or household member who is under the age of fourteen a class C felony.

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui; Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Kauai; Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawaii; Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, City and County of Honolulu; County of Kauai Police Department; Kauai Domestic Violence Prevention Task Force; YWCA of Kauai; Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery; Domestic Violence Action Center; Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Kauai Chamber of Commerce; and a number of concerned individuals supported this bill. A concerned individual commented on this bill.

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. 1993 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,



MELE CARROLL, Chair



