

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 11, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2505

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. 2505 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FAILURE TO REPORT A MISSING CHILD,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to help protect children from danger and wrongdoing by placing an affirmative duty on parents, legal guardians, and other caregivers to verify the safety and whereabouts of a child who has been missing for over 48 hours and to provide accurate information to law enforcement authorities regarding a missing or deceased child in a timely manner.

This measure makes it a class C felony if a parent, legal guardian, or other person legally charged with the care and custody of a child:

- (1) Fails to report a missing child to a law enforcement agency after the child has been missing for a 48-hour period;
- (2) Fails to report the death of a child under their custody to a law enforcement agency within two hours of discovering the child's death; or
- (3) Knowingly provides false information to law enforcement officials involved in a missing person investigation or



a felony criminal investigation involving a child that was in their care.

No testimony was received on this measure.

Your Committee respectfully notes that although no testimony was received on this measure, your Committee finds the subject matter to be meritorious and wishes to ensure that it moves through the legislative process for further discussion.

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. 2505 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



Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2505	Committee Referral: HVS, JUD	Date: 2/4/14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CARROLL, Mele (C)	/			
2. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
4. CREAGAN, Richard	/			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	/			
6. JORDAN, Jo				/
7. MORIKAWA, Dee	/			
8. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	/			
9. WOODSON, Justin H.	/			
10. FUKUMOTO, Beth				/
TOTAL (10)	8			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>B. Kepi</i></u>				
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