

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2451

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2160
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2160 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to protect children by establishing that it is a class C felony for a caregiver to fail to report the death or disappearance of a child to law enforcement or to provide false information to law enforcement authorities about a missing child.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the National Association of Social Workers, Hawai'i Chapter; Maui Family Support Services; and Ho'oikaika Partnership.

Your Committee finds that according to the United States Department of Justice, over a period of one year approximately 797,500 children under eighteen were reported missing. Your Committee further finds that because outcomes for missing children are usually negative, there is a need for caregivers to promptly report missing children. Furthermore, contacting authorities after the death of a child can lead to the immediate investigation of the circumstances of the child's death, which may prevent injury to other children associated with the deceased child. This measure therefore protects the rights of children and encourages the immediate response of a caregiver regarding reporting the disappearance or death of a child.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting savings and severability clauses and making other technical amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 2160, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2160, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,

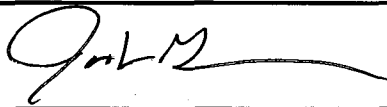
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SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2160	HMS, JDL	2-13-14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.		✓		
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	3	1	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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