

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 934-16

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 4, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1585  
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1585, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GUARDIANSHIP,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the law relating to guardianships of incapacitated adults by prohibiting guardians of a ward from restricting the personal communication rights of the ward, including the right to receive visitors, telephone calls, and personal mail, unless it is deemed to pose a risk to the safety and well-being of the ward by the guardian.

The Catherine Falk Organization and a concerned individual supported this measure. The Judiciary provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that the guardian of a ward is allowed discretion to restrict the personal communication rights of the ward if the personal communication poses a risk to the safety or well-being of the ward.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1585, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1585, H.D. 2.

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Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary,

*Karl Rhoads*

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KARL RHOADS, Chair



