

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 12, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1901
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1901 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require domestic violence intervention training for any state and county employees whose job duties require or may require intervention in a domestic abuse situation.

The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, Parents and Children Together, American Association of University Women of Hawaii, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Hawaii Women's Coalition, and a concerned individual supported this measure. The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu opposed this measure. The Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Hawaii State Fire Council, and Honolulu Fire Department provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2060, to encourage 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. 1901, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1901, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.



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



DEE MORIKAWA, Chair



