

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 19, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2169
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. 2169 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOCIAL WORKERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the supervision requirements for licensure of clinical social workers, including permitting the supervision requirements to be met through face-to-face supervision or via a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996-compliant video conference service.

The National Association of Social Workers, Hawaii Chapter and numerous concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the supervision of social worker applicants to include the review of assessments;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



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. 2169, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2169, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



DEE MORIKAWA, Chair



