

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2340
H.D. 1
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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2340, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS UNDER THE CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Department of Human Services to conduct criminal history record checks on alleged perpetrators of harm or threat of harm to a child and all adults living in the family home of an alleged child victim, without consent, when an assessment is required under the Child Protective Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Family Programs Hawaii, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that there is a compelling state interest to protect children from potential harm. When credible allegations of child abuse or a significant potential for child abuse exists, the Department of Human Services must conduct a thorough assessment to determine the safety of the family home. Criminal history record checks are a valuable tool for investigating the level of probable risk a child faces from the adults in the child's immediate environment.



Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive 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 H.B. No. 2340, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2340, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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


SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



