

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 19, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2344  
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. 2344 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORDERS FOR IMMEDIATE PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the Department of Human Services' (Department) statutory duty to seek an order for immediate protection where the Department believes that an incident of incurred or probable abuse of a vulnerable adult has or will occur. Specifically, this measure specifies that the Department may exercise its discretion in determining whether the provision of an order for immediate protection is necessary.

The Department testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its 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. 2344, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2344, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.



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



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DEE MORIKAWA, Chair



