

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 4, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2344
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. 2344, H.D. 1, 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 actual or probable abuse of a vulnerable adult has occurred 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 supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to upon its approval; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2344, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2344, H.D. 2.



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

Karl Rhoads

KARL RHOADS, Chair



