

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 9, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 447
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 447 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make temporary restraining orders for the abuse of a family or household member who is a minor or incapacitated person more accessible by:

- (1) Removing redundant requirements that the family courts report to the Department of Human Services each time such a temporary restraining order is sought; and
- (2) Relieving the Department of Human Services of the duty to investigate each such allegation and to submit a written report to the family courts in advance of the hearing on the temporary restraining order.

The Department of Human Services; Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women; Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Domestic Violence Action Center; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; PHOCUSED; Hawaii Women's Coalition; Parents and Children Together; and two concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Judiciary testified in opposition to this bill.



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to promote 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. 447, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 447, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



DEE MORIKAWA, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 447	Committee Referral: HUS, JUD	Date: 2-3-15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MORIKAWA, Dee (C)	/			
2. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
4. CARROLL, Mele				
5. CREAGAN, Richard P.	/			
6. HASHEM, Mark J.				/
7. JORDAN, Jo	/			
8. OSHIRO, Marcus R.				/
9. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth				/
TOTAL (9) 8	5			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Prof. Keper</i></u>				
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