

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2724

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2810  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 2810 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SERVICE BY PUBLICATION IN  
PATERNITY CASES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the  
Uniform Parentage Act to allow the court to authorize service by  
publication if the defendant in a paternity case cannot be located  
or personally served.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of the Attorney General. Your Committee  
received testimony in opposition to this measure from one  
individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from  
one individual.

Your Committee finds that existing law specifies service by  
registered or certified mail in paternity cases when the defendant  
is not found within the circuit. This measure codifies the Family  
Court's practice of allowing service by publication in paternity  
cases and makes service in these cases consistent with service in  
other Family Court proceedings. Your Committee encourages  
discussion regarding constructive service through electronic  
means, including social media, as this measure moves through the  
legislative process.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) 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 Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2810, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2810, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

  
GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



