

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2692

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2873

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. 2873 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address an  
inconsistency in statutory requirements regarding orders for  
immediate protection by allowing the Department of Human Services  
discretion when determining whether to seek an order for immediate  
protection of vulnerable adults.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that seeking an order for immediate  
protection is one of the many remedial actions the Department of  
Human Services is authorized to take pursuant to section 346-228,  
Hawaii Revised Statutes. This measure clarifies that the  
Department is allowed, rather than required, to seek an order for  
immediate protection when appropriate under the circumstances,  
thereby providing the Department with flexibility and discretion  
to appropriately address or resolve matters of abuse or prevent  
the further abuse of a vulnerable adult.

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. 2873 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

  

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GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



