

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 20, 2015

RE: S.B. No. 384
S.D. 2
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 S.B. No. 384, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Address Confidentiality Program (Program) within the Crime Victim Compensation Commission to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault to relocate to new addresses and keep their new addresses confidential; and
- (2) Create the Address Confidentiality Program Surcharge Fund.

The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, PHOCUSED, Hawaii Women Lawyers, and an individual supported this measure. The Crime Victim Compensation Commission and Sex Abuse Treatment Center supported this measure and offered additional comments. The Department of the Attorney General supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance commented on this measure.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the definition of "domestic violence" and adding a definition for "domestic abuse" based on section 586-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Clarifying the definition of "stalking" to mean an act of harassment as described in sections 711-1106, 711-1106.4, and 711-1106.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (3) Changing the effective date of the Program to enable qualified persons to apply for participation starting July 1, 2017, rather than July 1, 2015;
- (4) Requiring the Crime Victim Compensation Commission to report back to the Legislature on the progress of the Program and any recommendations for improving the implementation of the Program; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 S.B. No. 384, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 384, S.D. 2, 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



