

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 449

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20 2015

RE: S.B. No. 922

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 922 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to ensure that family courts terminate the parental rights of natural parents convicted of rape or sexual assault with respect to children who were conceived as a result of the rape or sexual assault.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the American Association of University Women Hawaii and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that currently family court is permitted, but not mandated, to terminate the parental rights to a child of a natural parent if the natural parent is convicted of rape or sexual assault and that crime results in the conception of the child. Your Committee further finds that sexual assault victims who have children as a result of the crime perpetrated against them face additional struggles and should not have to face the possibility of their assaulter remaining in their life because the assaulter retained parental rights to the child.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 922 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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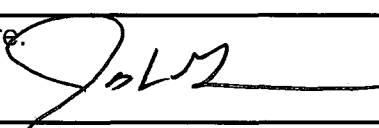
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services and
Housing,


SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services and Housing
HSH

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 922	Committee Referral: HSH, JDL	Date: 2/17/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
GREEN, Josh (VC)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes