

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 17, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 199

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 199 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enable the Department of Human Services (DHS) to investigate allegations of the physical isolation of vulnerable adults and take corrective action including obtaining judicial relief.

The Honolulu Police Department, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Hawaii Fi-Do Service, MacDonald Rudy O'Neill & Yamauchi, LLP, and several individuals testified in support of this measure. DHS and two individuals commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Redefining "physical isolation" to exclude acts reasonably intended to protect the physical or mental welfare of the vulnerable adult;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2017, to facilitate further discussion on this measure; and

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- (3) 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 H.B. No. 199, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 199, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



DEE MORIKAWA, Chair



