

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1038

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 199

H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 199, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The Honolulu Police Department supported this measure. The Department of the Attorney General and Department of Human Services provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that under the definition of "caregiver neglect," the failure to permit a vulnerable adult to communicate, receive visits, or interact with family, friends, and care providers does not apply to an act reasonably intended to protect the physical or mental welfare of the vulnerable adult, such as through protective orders, treatment plans, or instructions of the vulnerable adult's physician or other health care professional.


As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your

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Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 199, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 199, H.D. 2.

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



SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, Chair



