

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1072

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 680
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 Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 680, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to decrease intimate partner violence by making more individuals aware of the problem and offering victims an additional place to turn for help.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires licensees under the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology to complete a one-time training program on intimate partner violence awareness and education to enable licensees to recognize signs of intimate partner violence and provide licensees with resources to refer victims of intimate partner violence to appropriate social services or domestic violence organizations; and
- (2) Makes an appropriation for the training program.

The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and Hawaii Women's Coalition testified in support of this measure. The Board of Barbering and Cosmetology testified in support of the intent of



this measure. The Domestic Violence Action Center provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Referring to the one-time training program as a one-time awareness education program;
- (2) Clarifying that the education requirement specifically applies to licensed barber or beauty operators and applicants for licensure as a barber or beauty operator;
- (3) Removing the requirement that a person holding a valid license as a barber or beauty operator submit evidence of completion of the education requirement;
- (4) Requiring the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to adopt materials made available by a selected nonprofit intimate partner violence awareness education program, rather than develop materials for the program;
- (5) Specifying that any individual who assaults or threatens to cause bodily injury to a barber or beauty operator for acting on information concerning potential intimate partner violence obtained during the course of employment shall be guilty of a misdemeanor;
- (6) Deleting the appropriation for the training program; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 680, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 680, H.D. 2.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



