

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 15 , 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2790
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2790, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide greater rights for children in foster care. Specifically, this measure replaces the guiding principles for children in foster care under the Child Protective Act with the rights of children in foster care, which preserves the current rights of children in foster care and provides certain additional rights.

The Judiciary; Department of Human Services; Department of Education; Hawaii Youth Services Network; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; EPIC 'Ohana, Inc.; Hawaii Children's Action Network; Family Programs Hawaii; Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

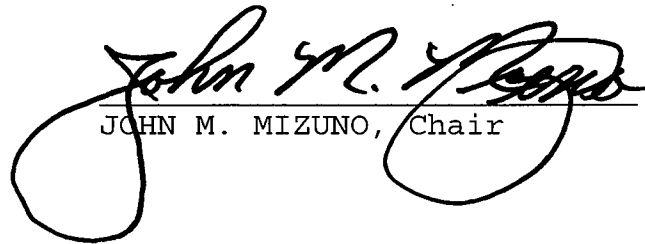
- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to facilitate further discussion; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2790, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2790, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



