

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 933

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 , 2019

RE: H.B. No. 295
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and
Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 295 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC ABUSE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to include emotional abuse as
a type of domestic abuse under Hawaii's insurance laws and
domestic abuse protective orders and define emotional abuse.

Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, O'ahu County
Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of
Hawai'i, Hawai'i Psychological Association, Domestic Violence
Action Center, and a few individuals provided testimony in support
of this measure. The National Rifle Association and a concerned
individual provided testimony in opposition. The Judiciary and
Farrell & Perrault provided comments.

Your Committees have amended this measure by changing its
effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion.

Your Committees note that the amendments to what constitutes
"domestic abuse" for the purposes of domestic abuse protective
orders by this measure are expected to increase the number of
protective order petitions before the Judiciary. As such, the

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Judiciary has raised a concern that additional resources will be needed to ensure the timely processing of cases.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 295, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 295, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Consumer
Protection & Commerce and
Judiciary,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



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