

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3268**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2502
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2502, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE REPORTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to include in the list of persons who are required to report child abuse or neglect: commercial film and photographic print or image processors, commercial computer technicians, members of the clergy, and administrators and employees of any public or private organization whose duties require direct contact with or supervision of children.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Hawaii Youth Services Network, IMUAlliance, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that individuals working in fields such as medicine, law enforcement, and social services are mandated to report instances of child abuse or neglect; however, Hawaii is only one of four states and three United States territories that do not include members of the clergy as mandatory reporters. Your Committee further finds that as sexual exploitation of children continues to occur online, to protect more children from exploitation and abuse, computer technicians should be required to report to law enforcement any computer files containing child



pornography. This measure updates Hawaii's mandatory child abuse and neglect reporting law by adding members of the clergy, except when information is received during penitential communication; commercial computer technicians; commercial film and photographic print or image processors; and administrators and employees of organizations that have direct contact with or supervision of children to the categories of persons who are required to report.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2502, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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




KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC**

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2502 SDI	Committee Referral: HMS, JDC	Date: 2/24/2020		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	/			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	/			
GABBARD, Mike				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/	/		
FEVELLA, Kurt				
TOTAL	3	1		1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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