

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3228

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2892
S.D. 2

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. 2892, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REPORTS OF CHILD ABUSE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to bring state law into compliance with the 2019 amendments to the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act by providing immunity from civil and criminal liability to persons who report suspected cases of child abuse under certain circumstances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that the Victims of Child Abuse Act Reauthorization Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-424), was enacted on January 7, 2019, further amending certain provisions of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, which provides federal funding to states for prevention, assessment, investigation, prosecution, and treatment activities for child abuse and neglect. This measure updates state law to be in compliance with the 2019 amendments to the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.



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. 2892, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2892, S.D. 2.

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 2892 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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes