

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2990**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 2020

RE: S.B. No. 531
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. 531, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the offense of financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult by a caregiver as a class A felony.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Hawaii Credit Union League, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that there is a growing trend of financial exploitation of vulnerable adults by caregivers. Caregivers gain extensive knowledge of their client's financial situation during their work and in cases where a vulnerable person is dependent on a caregiver for physical and social support, the vulnerable person can be particularly susceptible to financial exploitation. Financial exploitation of vulnerable adults often causes permanent damage, as they are typically unable to participate in the workforce to recoup their finances. Furthermore, abuse by caregivers can leave victims isolated and defenseless and unwilling to trust another caregiver, resulting in diminished quality of life.



Your Committee has amended this measure by making it effective on September 1, 2020.

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. 531, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 531, S.D. 2.

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

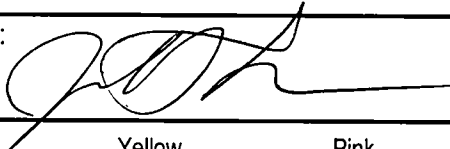


KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 531 SD1	Committee Referral: CPH/HMS, JDC	Date: 2/2/2020		
<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	3			2
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