

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **1869**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31, 2023

RE: S.B. No. 944
S.D. 1
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 944, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM PARENTAGE ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a task force to recommend amendments to update existing parentage laws.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary, Department of Human Services, Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that existing parentage laws reflect outdated, cisheteronormative concepts of families, parenthood, and parental rights. Statutory amendments are needed to address society's evolving understanding of these concepts.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and

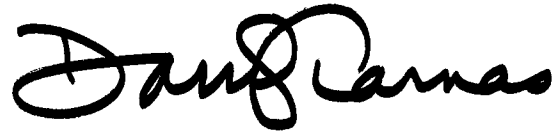
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- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 944, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 944, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

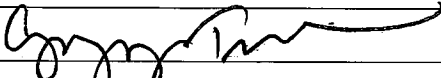
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	/			
2. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (VC)	/			
3. GANADEN, Sonny	/			
4. HOLT, Daniel				/
5. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/			
6. ICHIYAMA, Linda	/			
7. ILAGAN, Greggor				/
8. KONG, Sam Satoru	/			
9. MIZUNO, John M.	/			
10. SOUZA, Kanani	/			
TOTAL (10)	8	-	-	2

The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted
 If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____


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