CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 24 , 2025 RE: H.B. No. 359 H.D. 2 S.D. 2 C.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Madam and Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 359, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COVERED OFFENDER REGISTRATION,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to update the State's covered offender registration laws to:

- (1) Include offenders who commit the offense of:
  - (A) Sexual assault in the fourth degree by exposing the offender's genitals to another person under circumstances in which the offender's conduct is likely to alarm the other person or put the other person in fear of bodily injury;

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- (B) Sexual assault in the fourth degree against a minor who is at least sixteen years old while the offender is acting in a professional capacity;
- (C) Incest;

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- (D) Sexual assault of an animal; or
- (E) Use a computer in the commission of a separate crime, wherein the separate crime is a covered offense subject to covered offender registration laws;
- (2) Require public disclosure for covered offenses that are committed against minors, regardless of whether the conviction was for a first-time misdemeanor offense;
- (3) Require a person who is required to report every year under the covered offender registration requirements to report during the thirty-day period following the offender's birthday, rather than date of birth; and
- (4) Specify how certain covered offenses are to be tiered for purposes of seeking termination of registration requirements.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- Excluding certain criminal conduct under the definition of "sexual offense" if the perpetrator is under the age of twenty-five at the time of the offense;
- (2) Changing its effective date to upon approval; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 359, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 359, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



KARL RHOADS Co-Chair

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

LISA MARTEN Co-Chair

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