

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 412 -08

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 3133
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services & Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 3133 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MANDATORY REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect children by requiring family members who have knowledge that child abuse or neglect is occurring or that a child has been harmed due to abuse or neglect to report the matter to the police or the Department of Human Services (DHS).

DHS testified in support of this bill.

Testifiers raised a concern that in some cases, family members that are mandated to report matters under this measure may also be victims of domestic violence and they may be risking endangerment to themselves by reporting child abuse or neglect. Your Committee respectfully requests the Committee on Judiciary to examine this issue further.

Accordingly, for purposes of discussion, your Committee has amended this bill by exempting victims of domestic violence from the reporting requirements.

Other technical, nonsubstantive amendments were made for clarity, consistency, and style.

HB3133 HD1 HSCR HSH HMS 2008-1830



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services & Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3133, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3133, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services &
Housing,



MAILE SHIMABUKURO, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services & Housing

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 3133	Committee Referral: HSH, JUD	Date: February 5, 2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HSH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L. (C)	X			
2. RHOADS, Karl (VC)	X			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani	X			
4. BELATTI, Della Au	X			
5. BERTRAM, Joe, III	X			
6. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	X			
7. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	X			
8. MIZUNO, John	X			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	X			
10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	X			
TOTAL (10)	10	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) _____ did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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