Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb12, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 3136

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. 3136 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to preserve the best interests of children in the child protective services system by requiring that local customs of friends and relatives caring for a child are taken into consideration when determining placement of the child.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) and Catholic Charities Hawaii testified in support of this bill. The Judiciary provided comments.

Your Committee respectfully requests DHS to adopt rules before the convening of the Regular Session of 2009 that addresses the concerns raised by the Judiciary in their written testimony about caregiver benefits, monitoring the notification of the return of a child to parents who are deemed harmful, various consents, and caregiver services.

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. 3136 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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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

Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services & Housing

Bill/Resolution No.: JB 3136	Committee Referral: HSH, TUD		february 5, 2008	
☐ 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)				
HSH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L. (C) X			
2. RHOADS, Karl (VC)				
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani	X.		arrespondent and arrespondent arr	RESIDENCE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE
4. BELATTI, Della Au	X			
5. BERTRAM, Joe, III	X			
6. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	X			fundamental and a sur-
7. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	X			
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8. MIZUNO, John				
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	X			
10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	X			
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TOTAL (10)	10	0	0	0
The recommendation is: Adopted				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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