Honolulu, Hawaii

Fely 3, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2078 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2078 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOSTER CHILDREN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to assist foster children by:

- (1) Requiring a foster child's natural parents to pay for the child's car insurance and establishing provisions for payment if the child's parents are unable to pay;
- (2) Enabling the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide written consent for foster children to apply for a driver's license; and
- (3) Allowing higher education board allowances to be paid directly to former foster children.

The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Hawaii Foster Youth Coalition, Hawaii Youth Services Network, and numerous concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. DHS and the Hawaii Insurers Council submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

(1) Requiring DHS to provide written consent to allow foster children to apply for a driver's license;

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- (2) Requiring that the foster parents bear the cost of insurance if the natural parents are unable to pay;
- (3) Indemnifying DHS from liability in the event the foster child is involved in an accident or a lawsuit resulting from driving; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2078, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2078, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

ALEX M. SONSON, Chair

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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services**

Bill/Resolution No.:  HB 2078	Date:	131/06		
Committee Referral: Hus, CPC, FIN	The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended	Pass, with amendments			
☐ Hold	□ Recommit			
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SONSON, Alex M. (C)	V			
2. CABANILLA, Rida T.R. (VC)	V .			
3. ARAKAKI, Dennis A.	V			
4. GREEN, Josh, M.D.				
5. HALE, Heléne H.	- V			
6. KAHIKINA, Michael Puamamo	~			
7. KAWAKAMI, Bertha C.				
8. HALFORD, Chris				
9. STONEBRAKER, Bud				
TOTAL	9			
The recommendation is:  Adopted  Not Adopted  If joint referral,  commendation is:  Vice Chair's or designee's signature:	nittee acronyr	did not suppo n(s)	ort recommendation	
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