STAND. COM. REP. NO. 972 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

Monh 16, 2006

RE:

S.B. No. 2161

S.D. 2

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 S.B. No. 2161, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide additional protection to foster children through the establishment of a Foster Children's Bill of Rights.

The Hawaii Youth Services Network, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and numerous concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii Foster Youth Coalition supported this measure with an amendment. The Department of Human Services did not support this bill. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs offered comments.

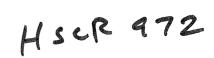
Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for 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 S.B. No. 2161, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2161, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-third Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.:	Date:	3/4/06)	
Committee Referral:	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
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The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	Pas	s, with amendment	S	
☐ Hold	□ Rec	commit		
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SONSON, Alex M. (C)				
2. CABANILLA, Rida T.R. (VC)				
3. ARAKAKI, Dennis A.	V,			
4. GREEN, Josh, M.D.				
5. HALE, Heléne H.				
6. KAHIKINA, Michael Puamamo				
7. KAWAKAMI, Bertha C.	V			
8. HALFORD, Chris				
9. STONEBRAKER, Bud				
TOTAL	8)
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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