Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2328

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. 2328, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NOTICE TO FOSTER PARENTS FOR CHAPTER 587, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT HEARINGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to:

- (1) Clarify notice of hearing requirements; and
- (2) Expand opportunities for foster parents to attend all hearings under the Child Protective Act.

The Department of Human Services testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii Foster Parent Association supported this measure with amendments. The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii opposed this bill. The Judiciary offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

(1) Changing the period in which notices of hearings subsequent to the disposition hearing must be served from seven calendar days to 48 hours;

- (2) Specifying that "party" or "parties" shall include the current foster parents; and
- (3) 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 S.B. No. 2328, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2328, 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,

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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.: 59 2328 SD2	Date:	Date: 3/21/06			
Committee Referral:		☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended Hold		Pass, with amendments Recommit			
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. SONSON, Alex M. (C)	- V _				
2. CABANILLA, Rida T.R. (VC)					
3. ARAKAKI, Dennis A.	V				
4. GREEN, Josh, M.D.				<u>ESEE HER BUILD SAME BELLER ER BERLES SAME</u>	
5. HALE, Heléne H.	V				
6. KAHIKINA, Michael Puamamo	ikulikalika dan besahat min dan mengum			X	
7. KAWAKAMI, Bertha C.	/				
8. HALFORD, Chris				×	
9. STONEBRAKER, Bud				X	
TOTAL	6			3	
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. Committee acronym(s) Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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