

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

March, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1293

H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1293, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to continue efforts to fight crime and to provide support and guidance to victims through the criminal justice process, by:

- (1) Creating a Domestic Violence Special Fund (Fund) to provide grants to organizations that provide domestic violence services; and
- (2) Appropriating funds to provide grants to the counties for their career criminal prosecution units and victim witness assistance programs.

The City and County of Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney and County of Hawaii Office of the Prosecuting Attorney testified in support of this bill. The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Mediation Center of the Pacific, Inc., Family Law Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association, Hawaii Justice Foundation, Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii, Domestic Violence Action Center, and Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center opposed this measure. The Judiciary, Department of Budget and Finance, Crime Victim Compensation Commission, and Sex Abuse Treatment Center offered comments.

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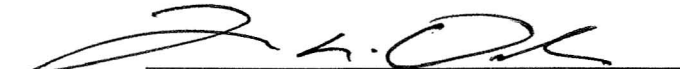


Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Deleting the provision establishing the Fund; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1293, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1293, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



