

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2950
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2950 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE
HONOLULU FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make a grant-in-aid appropriation to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu for the Honolulu Family Justice Center.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney and Honolulu Department of Community Services.

Your Committee finds that a grant-in-aid to the Honolulu Family Justice Center is necessary and is in the interests of promoting public safety and welfare.

The Family Justice Center is the product of the battered women's movement in the United States and over twenty years of efforts by domestic violence intervention professionals to mainstream aggressive intervention strategies into the civil and criminal justice systems. Communities have identified the benefits of bringing together advocates, law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, and other intervention service-provider professionals to work together in serving victims of domestic violence and holding offenders accountable.



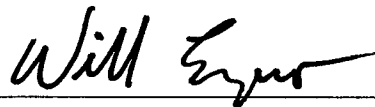
Currently, over sixty Family Justice Centers have been established across the United States and several centers are operating overseas. The Family Justice Center model has been identified as a "best practice" in delivering services to victims of domestic abuse.

The Honolulu Family Justice Center is targeting a July 2012 date to open Phase I of the Center. The Honolulu Family Justice Center will provide services to victims of domestic violence, sex assault, and elder abuse. An important service component will address the needs of immigrant victims. Efforts are underway to identify and locate space for Phase I.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an appropriation amount of \$500,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2950, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2950, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Government Operations, and
Military Affairs,



WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 2950</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">PGM, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2-9-12</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
RYAN, Pohai				/
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-left: 50px;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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