

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 19, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1726

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1726 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MURDER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to broaden the offense of murder in the first degree to include cases in which the victim was restrained or detained as a shield, hostage, or for ransom.

The Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Ho'omana Pono, LLC; Parents of Murdered Children; and many concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. Honolulu's Department of the Prosecuting Attorney testified in opposition.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1726, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



HSCR 665-16

Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1726		Committee Referral: JUD		Date: 02/11/16
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
2. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
4. BROWER, Tom				✓
5. CREAGAN, Richard P.	✓			
6. HASHEM, Mark J.				✓
7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	✓			
8. LEE, Chris	✓			
9. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
10. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	✓			
11. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
12. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
13. McDERMOTT, Bob	✓			
14. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
TOTAL (14)	11			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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