STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3841

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 2 7 2018

RE: H.C.R. No. 59 H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2018 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 59, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADOPTEE CITIZENSHIP ACT OF 2018,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to express support for the proposed Adoptee Citizenship Act of 2018, H.R. 5233; S. 2522.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that the Child Citizenship Act of 2000 allows foreign-born, adopted children of American citizens to acquire American citizenship automatically. Despite having been legally adopted by American citizens and having been raised in the United States, adoptees who were eighteen years of age or older on the effective date of the Child Citizenship Act of 2000 did not automatically acquire American citizenship. The Adoptee Citizenship Act of 2018, currently pending in Congress, will provide American citizenship for these adoptees.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your

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Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 59, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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

BRÍAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Ninth Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:* HCR 59, HD 1	Committee Referral:			Date: 4/23/18	
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)		V			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)		~			
GABBARD, Mike					/
KIM, Donna Mercado					/
THIELEN, Laura H.					
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TOTAL		3	0	0	2
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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