STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2082

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2346

S.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 S.B. No. 2346 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish an address confidentiality program to help survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, and stalking to relocate and keep the location of their physical address confidential.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Hawaii Women Lawyers, American Association of University Women of Hawaii, Sex Abuse Treatment Center, Domestic Violence Action Center, Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii, Parents and Children Together, and eleven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation.

Your Committee finds that survivors of domestic abuse, sexual offenses, or stalking may move to a new address in order to prevent being found by an assailant or potential assailant, but moving to a new address only provides protection if the assailant or potential assailant does not discover the new address. Maintaining the confidentiality of a new address is especially difficult in a location such as an island where space is limited.

Each time a survivor is forced to provide an address for public agencies, employment, or court documents, the risk that the address will be discovered by an assailant or potential assailant increases. An address confidentiality program will provide protection and additional safety for survivors of domestic abuse, sexual offenses, or stalking.

Your Committee has amended this measure by authorizing the Department of Taxation to require that a program participant provide an actual address if that address is necessary for the assessment of taxes; provided that the substitute address is used as a mailing address and the actual address remains confidential.

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 S.B. No. 2346, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2346, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Ninth Legislature State of Hawai'i

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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)				
RHOADS, Karl (VC)				
GABBARD, Mike	~			
KIM, Donna Mercado				
THIELEN, Laura H.				
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Recommendation:				
Adopted Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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