

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2486

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2749
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 Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2749 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to align provisions in the Hawaii Revised Statutes relating to child support guidelines to be in compliance with federal regulations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that the federal final rule amendments to guidelines for child support payments require states to implement such amendments in their child support guidelines. Your Committee further finds that child support amounts established based on guidelines that consider specific factors relating to the parents' situation are more reliable, result in less conflict between the parents, and improve the collection of child support payments. This measure provides more opportunity for the public to be involved in the review of child support guidelines, access to information on how the review was conducted, and overall access to the guidelines.



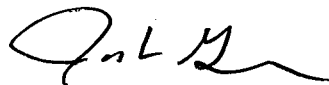
Your Committee notes that if this measure is not enacted, the state plan that is administered by the Child Support Enforcement Agency may not be approved and federal funding provided to the Child Support Enforcement Agency and the Department of Human Services may be at risk.

Your Committee further recognizes the Judiciary's and Department of the Attorney General's concerns about the collection and analyzing of child support payment data, lack of funding to perform additional functions, and the potential for the Judiciary to be called as a witness if required to collect and track child support payments, or to be precluded from deciding case involving allegations of child support payments. Your Committee requests that your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means further examine those issues and concerns should they decide to hear this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2749, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2749, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,



JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2749	HMS, JDC/WAM	2-12-18		
<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
GREEN, Josh (C)	—			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	—			
HARIMOTO, Breene	—			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	—			
WAKAI, Glenn				—
TOTAL	4			1
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="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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