Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2182

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2020 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2182 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ABUSE OF A FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to include class C felony offenses relating to abuse of a family or household member under repeat offender sentencing guidelines.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, Honolulu Police Department, and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that domestic violence is a serious social issue in Hawaii. Despite a number of state laws that protect victims of domestic violence, aim to prevent future incidents of domestic violence, and penalize and provide assistance to domestic violence offenders, the rates of domestic violence occurring in Hawaii have not decreased. Of great concern is the number of domestic violence incidents committed by repeat domestic violence offenders. Advocates for stronger domestic violence laws contend that part of the problem is that existing laws lack any real consequences to domestic violence offenders, and so they do not effect change in offender's behavior. By including class C felonies relating to the offense of abuse of a

family or household member in repeat offender sentencing, repeat domestic violence offenders will face stricter penalties for unchanged behavior.

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. 2182 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

The Senate Thirtieth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:* SQ 2182	Committee	Referral:	Da	ite: 2 /6/ 5	2020
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
RHOADS, Karl (C)					
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)					
GABBARD, Mike					
KIM, Donna Mercado		- -			×
FEVELLA, Kurt					
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TOTAL		4			1
Recommendation: Adopted			Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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