

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2955

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2306

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. 2306 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROOF OF DOMESTIC OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE VICTIM STATUS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make consistent the types of documents accepted as proof of domestic or sexual violence victim status.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women, Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, Hawaii Women's Coalition, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Domestic Violence Action Center, Parents and Children Together, AAUW-Hawaii, Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii, Midwives Alliance of Hawaii, and fourteen individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from CTIA.

Your Committee finds that the State has enacted certain laws to assist victims of domestic and sexual violence, such as statutes that provide for early termination of a shared cell phone contract or rental agreement by victims. Your Committee also finds that when victims attempt to obtain assistance under these laws, they must show proof of their victim status. Existing laws are inconsistent as to what types of documents are acceptable as



proof of domestic or sexual violence victim status, although the substance of the requirements are similar. As a result, these laws may be perceived as complicated or confusing and victims may be discouraged from trying to seek assistance pursuant to them. This measure brings consistency to these laws by providing the same type of documents be accepted as proof of domestic or sexual violence victim status under the varying laws.

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. 2306 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,

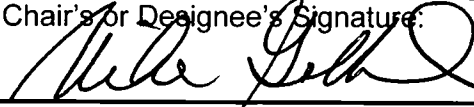


KARL RHOADS, Chair



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Thirtieth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2306	Committee Referral: JDC	Date: 2/6/2020		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)				✓
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	3	-	-	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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