

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2371

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2677

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2677 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILE STATUS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to specify that the family court has jurisdiction in proceedings concerning the custody or guardianship of an immigrant child pursuant to a motion for Special Immigrant Juvenile factual findings requesting a determination that the child was abused, neglected, or abandoned before the age of eighteen.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Department of Human Services; Cades Schutte, LLLP; Filipina Advocacy Network; Pono Hawai'i Initiative; The Legal Clinic Hawai'i; and nine individuals.


Your Committee finds that federal law provides protections to individuals classified as special immigrant juveniles. Your Committee further finds that, consistent with the actions of other states, the State may assist individuals in claiming special immigrant juvenile status by clarifying that family court has jurisdiction over unmarried individuals under twenty-one years of age for purposes of awarding custody or guardianship pursuant to a motion for factual findings within the meaning of the Immigration



and Nationalization Act, Title 8 United States Code section 1101(a)(27)(J).

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. 2677 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2677	Committee Referral: HMS, JDC	Date: 2/3/20		
<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
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (C)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: Karl Rhoads				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes