

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1732

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31, 2025

RE: S.B. No. 951
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 951, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require:

- (1) Mandatory reports of child abuse or neglect to include the military status of the child's parent or guardian, if known; and
- (2) The Department of Human Services to inform the appropriate authority of the United States military when, upon receiving a report of child abuse or neglect, there is sufficient information to determine that the report involves a military family.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the United States Department of Defense, Ohana Unity Party, and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that while the United States Department of Defense mandates its personnel to report suspected child abuse

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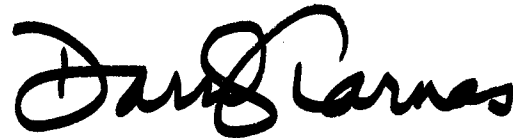


or neglect to military and local authorities, no equivalent requirement exists for the Department of Human Services' Child Welfare Services Branch to notify military officials when service members' families are involved. This measure seeks to close that communication gap by strengthening coordination between state agencies and military support systems, ensuring affected children receive timely assistance and protection.

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

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 951, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 951, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: VB 951 (D2 HD1)		Committee Referral: HCH/PBS, JHA		Date: 03/20/2025	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
JHA Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)		✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)		✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au		✓			
4. COCHRAN, Elle					✓
5. HASHEM, Mark J.					✓
6. KAHALOA, Kirstin		✓			
7. PERRUSO, Amy A.		✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg		✓			
9. TODD, Chris		✓			
10. GARCIA, Diamond		✓			
11. SHIMIZU, Garner M.		✓			
TOTAL (11)		9	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____					
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