

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3332**

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2298
H.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
H.B. No. 2298, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NOTICE TO CHILDREN PURSUANT TO
THE CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide a child-
friendly process of hearing notification to children in child
protection cases to avoid children being served the summons by a
law enforcement officer and to provide the child with adequate
notice of a hearing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of the Attorney General, Department of Human
Services, and one individual.

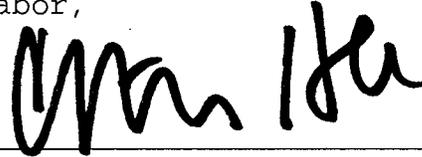
Your Committee finds that existing state law requires that
children in child protection cases be served with the petition and
summons by a law enforcement officer. Your Committee further
finds that it is less intimidating and more therapeutic for
children to receive notice of the petition, the date and time of
the initial hearing, and the child's right to participate in the
hearing through notification by the petitioner, which is the
Department of Human Services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report,



your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2298, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



