

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 13, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1859  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1859 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILDREN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow a minor, who is at least 16 years old, to petition a Family Court for emancipation.

The Department of Education testified in support of this measure. The Department of the Attorney General, Department of Human Services, and Hawaii Youth Services Network provided comments.

Your Committed has amended this measure by:

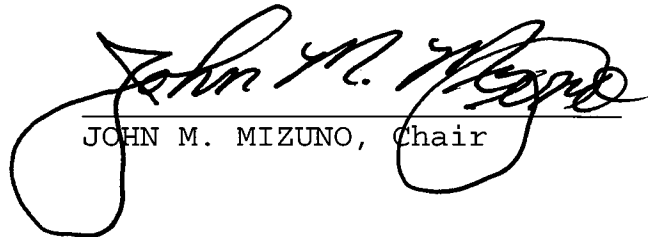
- (1) Limiting the investigation a court may require of the Department of Human Services to reports or allegations of child abuse or neglect. This constraint would keep the investigation within the statutory bounds of the Department's investigatory powers;
- (2) Allowing the court, or the minor's parents or guardians, to arrange for a mental health evaluation from an appropriate mental health professional and not the Department of Health;



- (3) Requiring that an emancipation proceeding be stayed if the minor has an active child protective proceeding; and
- (4) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to promote further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1859, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1859, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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

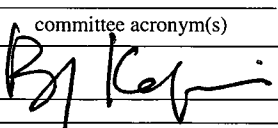
  
JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



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The Twenty-ninth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health & Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.: HB1859	Committee Referral: HHS, JVD	Date: 1-30-18		
<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)				
HHS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)	/			
2. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
4. LEARMONT, Lei R.	/			
5. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.				/
TOTAL (5)	4	—	—	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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