

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

511

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 448  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 448  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the multidisciplinary and multiagency review process for domestic violence fatalities to include the review of near-deaths and suicides resulting from intimate partner violence and to provide for the use of information collected from the review process in system reform efforts to reduce fatal and near-fatal outcomes of domestic violence.

The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, Hawaii Women's Coalition, Hawaii State Democratic Women's Caucus, PHOCUSED, and an individual supported this measure. The Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Community Safety & Support supported this bill with suggested amendments. The Department of Health commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the domestic violence fatality review team shall develop procedures related to near-deaths resulting from intimate partner violence and authorizing, rather than requiring, the Department of



Health to enter into memoranda of understanding for that purpose;

- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 448, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 448, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,



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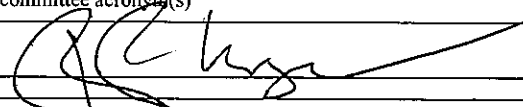
DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Health**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB448</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HLT, JUD</b>	Date: <b>2/10/15</b>		
<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)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. CREAGAN, Richard P. (VC)	✓			
3. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
4. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	✓			
8. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth	✓			
9. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.	✓			
TOTAL (9)	9			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-family: cursive;">  </div>				
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