

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 9, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1614
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 Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1614 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AUTOMATIC RESTRAINING ORDERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish an automatic restraining order that issues upon the filing of a complaint in a proceeding for annulment, divorce, or separation. The automatic restraining order is intended to:

- (1) Preserve the financial assets of the parties and their dependents; and
- (2) Maintain the current island of residence and school of enrollment of a minor child of the parties.

The Family Law Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association and two individuals testified in support of this measure. The Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Domestic Violence Action Center testified in opposition. One individual provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1614, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1614, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, Chair



