STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2023

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RE: H.B. No. 580

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2023 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 580, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VICTIM-COUNSELOR PRIVILEGE," begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the victim-counselor privilege under the Hawaii Rules of Evidence to include confidential advocates employed by the University of Hawaii; and
- (2) Increase the minimum number of hours of training a domestic violence victims' counselor must complete to be considered a victim counselor.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System, American Association of University Women of Hawai'i, Every Voice Coalition Hawai'i, Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus, Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus, Imua Alliance, Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and fourteen individuals.

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

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Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 580, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

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KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: Committee HB 580 HD1 HET	Committee Referral: HET, JHA, FIN 2/22/23			
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)	V			
2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)	V			
3. AIU, Micah P.K.	V		公司,其	
4. CHUN, Cory M.	V			
5. COCHRAN, Elle	/			
6. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya	/			
7. KAHALOA, Kirstin	V			
8. KILA, Darius K.	/		of the No. 2 is the piece of the second control of the	
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
10. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.	V			
11. MORIKAWA, Dee	V			
12. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	V			
13. POEPOE, Mahina	V			
14. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna	V	031 402 401 274 600 000 1 5 of 5 of 6 of 6 of 6 of 6 of 6 of 6 of		
15. ALCOS III, David				V
16. WARD, Gene				
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The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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