

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3399

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01 2024

RE: S.C.R. No. 175

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 175 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO REPORT ON THE CULTURAL AND THERAPEUTIC SERVICES PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AT THE KAWAIILOA YOUTH AND FAMILY WELLNESS CENTER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Human Services to report on the cultural and therapeutic services provided by community-based organizations at the Kawaiiloa Youth and Family Wellness Center.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i.

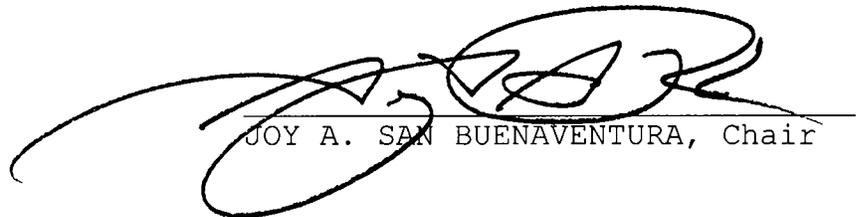
Your Committee finds that ten percent of the State's homeless population is comprised of individuals under the age of eighteen years, and that forty-four percent of homeless youth report having spent time in jail or a juvenile detention center. Your Committee further finds that state-sponsored working groups and recent reports have show that community-based support centers substantially reduce the likelihood that youth are incarcerated or experience homelessness. This measure requests informative reports on the positive effects of services provided by Kawaiiloa Youth and Family Wellness Center, where members of the Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i partner with state and nonprofit agencies to



transform punitive modalities of treatment and incarceration with effective therapeutic community-based programs. These reports will assist the state in expanding state and private sector collaboration to implement effective therapeutic and cultural methods that will promote youth wellness and reduce youth homelessness and the negative effects of incarceration.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 175 and recommends its adoption.

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



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



