

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 613  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 613, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESS YOUTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to codify in the Hawaii Revised Statutes the Safe Spaces for Youth Pilot Program established pursuant to Act 130, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes a safe spaces for youth program within the Department of Human Services Office of Youth Services;
- (2) Requires the program to collaborate with all state and county departments that offer services for youth and young adults to coordinate the identification and placement of youth and young adults who are experiencing homelessness at a shelter for homeless youth or young adults; and
- (3) Authorizes the Office of Youth Services to contract with nonprofit organizations to provide shelters for homeless youth or young adults.



Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Human Services; Office of Youth Services; Hawaii State LGBTQ+ Commission; County of Hawaii Office of Housing and Community Development; Democratic Party of Hawaii; Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawaii State Association of Counties; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Hawaii Youth Services Network; Indivisible Leeward Oahu; Opportunity for Youth Action Hawaii; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; RYSE; and ten individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Office of Youth Services has worked on planning and developing the Safe Spaces for Youth Pilot Program and has recommended that the pilot program become permanent.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 613, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HB 613 HDI SDI</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HHS, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">4/2/2025</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Pass, unamended</b> 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pass, with amendments</b> 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hold</b> 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Recommit</b> 2313         </div> </div>				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Adopted</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Not Adopted</b> </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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