

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1426

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21, 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1442
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services & Homelessness,
to which was referred S.B. No. 1442, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR
CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify and update the
responsibilities of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health
Division of the Department of Health to reflect the State's
current mental health systems of care for children and
adolescents.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of Wellness and Resilience; Department of Health
Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division; State Council on Mental
Health; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Hawaii Substance Abuse
Coalition; and one individual.

Your Committees find that the Child and Adolescent Mental
Health Division (Division) of the Department of Health is the
State's Medicaid provider of intensive mental health services for
the State's youth and provides mental health services in
coordination and collaboration with other state agencies. Your
Committees further find that it has been fifty years since the

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State's laws on mental health services for children and youth were enacted and the existing laws do not accurately reflect the current role of the Division in addressing the mental health needs of children and adolescents in the State. This measure is intended to clarify the Division's role in delivering mental health services to the State's children and adolescents in a manner that is child- and family-centered, culturally sensitive, and evidence-based.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services & Homelessness that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1442, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1442, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Human
Services & Homelessness,



LISA MARTEN, Chair



GREGG TAKAYAMA, Chair



