

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 24 2025

RE: S.B. No. 694
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

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

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

Sir and Madam:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 694, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DETENTION OF MINORS,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit minors from being held in jails, lockups, or prisons for adults, except temporarily under certain circumstances.

Your Committee on Conference finds that youth are more likely to experience abuse, commit suicide, and be exposed to prolonged periods of isolation if they enter an adult jail, lockup, or prison. Additionally, youth are five times more likely to be victimized in an adult facility than a juvenile facility. This measure will protect minors from the severe harms they face when placed in adult jails and prisons.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:



- (1) Restoring existing statutory language that requires the official in charge of a facility for the detention of adult offenders or persons charged with crime to inform the court immediately when a minor who is or appears to be under eighteen years of age is received at the facility;
- (2) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 694, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 694, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE



DAVID A. TARNAS
Chair

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



KARL RHOADS
Chair



Hawai'i State Legislature

Record of Votes of a
Conference Committee

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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
RHOADS, Karl, Chr.	✓				TARNAS, David A., Chr.	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓				BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓	GARCIA, Diamond				✓
TOTAL	2	0	0	1	TOTAL	2	0	1	0

A = Aye WR = Aye with Reservations N = Nay E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:
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