A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MINORS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1	SECTION 1. Section 356D-127, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
3	"(a) The provider agency operating and managing a homeless
4	facility, or any other program for the homeless authorized by
5	this part, or the authority operating and managing its own
6	homeless facility, shall be responsible for determining if an
7	applicant is eligible for shelter or other services at the
8	homeless facility or through any other program for the homeless,
9	pursuant to standards and criteria established by rule. The
10	provider agency shall also be responsible for determining if a
11	minor who is unaccompanied by a parent or guardian is eligible
12	for shelter or other services at the homeless facility or
13	through any other programs for the homeless; provided that:
14	(1) The minor has sufficient mental capacity to understand
15	the nature and consequence of receiving shelter or
16	other services at the homeless facility;

1	(2)	The shelter and services are for the minor's benefit;
2		and
3	(3)	The minor is not under a parent's, custodian's, or
4		legal guardian's care, supervision or control, or it
5		is impracticable to obtain the appropriate legal
6		consent."
7	SECT	ION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
3	SECT	ION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Report Title:

Minor Consent; Homeless Assistance; Keiki Caucus

Description:

Allows minors to consent to entering into emergency shelters or other homeless facilities when minors do not have a parent or guardian to consent on their behalf. (SD1)