STAND. COM. REP. NO. 247

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 14 , 2011

RE: H.B. No. 721

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2011 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 721 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote the well-being of foster youth by:

- (1) Establishing the Hawaii Foster Youth Mentorship Program within the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide youths from ages seven to 18 years old stable and consistent interactions with adult role models; and
- (2) Appropriating unspecified funds for DHS to establish and administer the program.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and Family Program Hawaii commented on this bill. DHS opposed this measure.

Your Committee amended this bill by:

(1) Authorizing DHS to contract with OHA or appropriate private or nonprofit organizations to provide services for the Hawaii Foster Youth Mentorship Program;

- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to promote further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 721, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 721, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services

HB 721	Committee Referral: HUS, FIN	Date: 2/3/2011		
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)				
2. JORDAN, Jo (VC)			. <u>-</u>	·
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3. BELATTI, Della Au				
4. HANOHANO, Faye P.				
5. LEE, Chris				
6. MORIKAWA, Dee				
7. WOOLEY, Jessica				
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.				
9. CHING, Corinne W.L.			:	
10. PINE, Kymberly Marcos				
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TOTAL (10)	9			/
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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