STAND. COM. REP. NO. 263

Honolulu, Hawaii

Robinsy 17 , 2015

RE: H.B. No. 344

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 344 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT TREATMENT SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of the Attorney General to fund the Statewide Sexual Assault Services Program to ensure that all islands have access to quality forensic sexual assault examinations.

The funds will be used to restart the Hawaii Sexual Assault Response and Training initiative ("HSART"), a statewide program that provides medical, legal, and counseling services to victims. HSART also provides investigative services including forensic sexual assault examinations that are necessary for the effective prosecution of perpetrators.

The Department of the Attorney General; Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawaii; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui; Children's Justice Center of Kauai; and several concerned individuals testified in support of the measure. The YWCA of Hawaii Island testified in support and provided a proposed amendment. The Sex Abuse Treatment Center, Kapiolani Medical Center for Women & Children, and YWCA of Kauai provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 344 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary,

KARL RHOADS, Chair

State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

HB 344	Committee Referral: JUD, FIN	Date:	2/10/15	,
☐ 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)				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. RHOADS, Karl (C)	A			
2. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	(VC)			U.S.
3. BELATTI, Della Au				y
4. BROWER, Tom				A
5. CREAGAN, Richard P.	X		\ ("m.)	
6. HASHEM, Mark J.	A			
7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.				l Q
8. LEE, Chris	<i>></i>			
9. MORIKAWA, Dee	'%			
10. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	מל			
11. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	A			
12. WOODSON, Justin H.	*			
13. MCDERMOTT, Bob	×			
14. THIELEN, Cynthia				\sim
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TOTAL (14)	10	0	0	4
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature.				
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