

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2344
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B.
No. 2344, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MINORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to expand
conditions for a minor to consent to no-cost emergency shelter and
related services by:

- (1) Requiring that a provider supplying shelter is licensed
to do so for minors or adults and is in compliance with
zoning and safety regulations; and
- (2) Requiring the Department of Human Services to make every
effort to ensure that every island has a shelter for
unaccompanied minors.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women, Hawaii
Youth Services Network, Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!,
Residential Youth Services & Empowerment, IMUAlliance, Hawaii Kai
Homeless Task Force, and six individuals. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and
Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness.



Your Committee finds that addressing the needs of unaccompanied homeless minors is a multi-faceted, statewide challenge. Unaccompanied minors may find themselves homeless for a variety reasons, including experiencing financial hardship; being kicked out of their homes because of their sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or pregnancy; running away from sexual, mental, or physical abuse; aging out of foster care; substance abuse; or experiencing the death of a guardian. Few resources are currently offered to unaccompanied homeless minors in the State, and little data has been collected on them. Your Committee finds that the State must take action to better provide services for homeless unaccompanied minors throughout the islands.

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 S.B. No. 2344, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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




KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2344 SDI	Committee Referral: HMS, JDC	Date: 2/24/2020		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	/			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	/			
GABBARD, Mike				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt		/		
TOTAL	3	1		1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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