STAND. COM. REP. NO. 601

, 2021

Honolulu, Hawaii

RE:

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H.B. No. 282

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, to which was referred H.B. No. 282 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MINORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand the circumstances under which a minor may consent to no cost emergency shelter and related services to include cases where the provider is coordinating with child welfare services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; Pride At Work; Hawaii Youth Services Network; Partners In Care, Oahu's Continuum of Care; Residential Youth Services & Empowerment; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness and Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that programs that provide services to youths are currently prohibited from sheltering youth under the age of eighteen. As a result, homeless youth are left without a safe space to sleep at night and many often partner with older adults and end up in unlawful, exploitive situations. measure seeks to increase access to emergency shelter for homeless youth by expanding the circumstances under which a minor may consent to no cost emergency shelter.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2060, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 282, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 282, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness,

RYAN 1. YAMANE, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness

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☐ 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)						
HHH Members		Ayes	Ayes (W	R)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)		V	men e e			
2. TAM, Adrian K. (VC)		<u>y y y y y y y y y y y y y y y y y y y </u>				
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6. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.		V				
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7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.		J				
8. WARD, Gene						
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TOTAL (8)		8				
The recommendation is:	referral,	□ Not Adopted did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:						
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