

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

826

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 , 2021

RE: 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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 282, H.D. 1, 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 where a minor may consent to a 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 Partners In Care, Oahu's Continuum of Care; Residential Youth Services & Empowerment; Hawaii Youth Services Network; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness and Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that youth experiencing homelessness in the State is a growing issue that needs to be addressed separately from adult and family homelessness. Your Committee further 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

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unlawful, exploitive situations. This 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.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 282, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,


MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 282, HD 1	Committee Referral: HHH, JHA	Date: 3-3-21		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	✓			
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC)	✓			
3. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	✓			
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				✓
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
8. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	✓			
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
10. TODD, Chris	✓			
11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				✓
12. WARD, Gene				✓
TOTAL (12)	9	0	0	3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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