

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1645

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 09 2021

RE: H.B. No. 282  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 282, H.D. 1, 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 the circumstances where 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 Department of Human Services; Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; Hawai'i State AFL-CIO; LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Rainbow Family 808; Hawaii Youth Services Network; Partners in Care, Oahu's Continuum of Care; Pride at Work - Hawai'i; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; and five individuals.

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 can currently only provide shelter to those eighteen years of age and older. Your Committee additionally finds that there is also a population of unaccompanied youth who avoid shelter services for fear of being placed into the foster care system or into a placement that they



do not want to be in. 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. 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.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Expanding the sunset date to apply to the entire measure; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 282, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 282, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

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



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB282, HD1, SD1	HMS, JDC	4/1/2021		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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)	✓			
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
LEE, Chris	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	7	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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