

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1964

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 21 2023

RE: H.C.R. No. 72
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 72, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES AND FAMILY COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT TO COLLABORATE IN IDENTIFYING PROCESSES, PROCEDURES, AND STRATEGIES FOR PARTNERING WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO MAXIMIZE REHABILITATION AND MINIMIZE RECIDIVISM FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Office of Youth Services and Family Court of the First Judicial Circuit to collaborate in identifying processes, procedures, and strategies for partnering with community organizations to maximize rehabilitation and minimize recidivism for juvenile offenders.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary, Office of Youth Services, Hawai'i Youth Services Network, Policy Advocacy Clinic at Berkeley Law, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that children of Micronesian or Native Hawaiian ancestry and other Pacific Island youth are overrepresented in the State's juvenile justice system. Intergenerational trauma, cultural disconnection, homelessness, and other factors can drive and contribute to a high disparity in



such juvenile offenders. Studies have shown that youth who are connected to their culture and community are more successful and less likely to become involved in the juvenile justice system. This measure will encourage the Office of Youth Services and Family Court of the First Judicial Circuit to work with community organizations to identify ways to reduce the overrepresentation of Pacific Islander and other marginalized youths within the juvenile justice system.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 72, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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

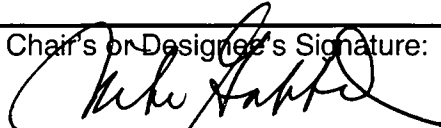


KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HR 72 H01	Committee Referral: JDC	Date: 4/20/23		
<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)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	5	—	—	—
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes