

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

694

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2023

RE: S.B. No. 45
S.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 S.B. No. 45, 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 authorize a school counselor, domestic violence victim advocate, or other mental health professional licensed by the State to petition for a protective order on a minor's behalf when the minor's parent or guardian is unable to submit a petition.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Rainbow Family 808, and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Your Committee finds that adolescents in abusive romantic relationships that were entered into without parental approval may be reluctant to approach their parents for assistance. Some adolescents have the option of seeking the help of another trusted adult who is not their parent, such as a school counselor or domestic violence victim advocate. Trusted adults in the lives of adolescents may be able to help obtain a protective order when it is necessary for the adolescent's safety and protection.



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. 45, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

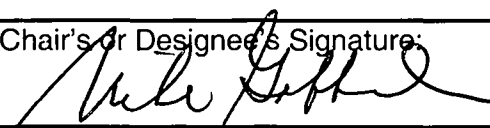


KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 45 SDI	Committee Referral: HHS, JDC	Date: 2/23/23		
<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			✓	<i>M. Awa</i>
TOTAL	4	—	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>
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