

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3480

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2024

RE: H.B. No. 1541

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1541 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend Act 36, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, to change the effective date from July 1, 2050, to July 1, 2024.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health and one individual.

Your Committee finds that suicide remains an issue for the State, with the State experiencing more than two hundred suicides per year. To raise awareness of this issue, the Legislature passed Act 36, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, which designated the month of September as Hawaii Suicide Prevention Month. However, the effective date of Act 36, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, was July 1, 2050. This measure will correct the error and increase public awareness of suicide prevention.

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. 1541, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.



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


Karl Rhoads

KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1541	JDC	03/14/24		
<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