STAND. COM. REP. NO.



Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 2 2 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2713 H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2713, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADOPTION ASSISTANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to provide additional support and resources to families receiving benefits through the State's adoption assistance and permanency assistance programs.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that the Child Welfare Services Branch (CWS) of the Department of Human Services provides support for families statewide pursuing adoption or legal guardianship, and families that have attained such legal statuses through the State's child welfare system. However, certain children and families may experience trauma that can manifest at different points in life, including years after required support from CWS. Therefore, this measure provides additional support to families to strengthen parent-child relationships, enhance child development, and increase competence in parenting.

Your Committee notes that according to the Department of Human Services, approximately \$600,000, for the purposes of this

measure is already included in H.B. No. 1800, Regular Session of 2024, relating to the State Budget, which was passed by the House of Representative is currently scheduled to be head by your Committee on Ways and Means.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2713, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Health and Human Services,

JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTORA, Chair

The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Health and Human Services HHS

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 2713, HD1	Committee Referral: HHS, WAM			Date: 3/18/24	
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)					
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)					
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett		1			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.					:
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