

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 261

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2023

RE: S.B. No. 170
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. 170 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ZERO TO THREE COURT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Zero to Three Court Program Coordinator position in the Third Circuit;
- (2) Expand the Zero to Three Court to the Third Circuit; and
- (3) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary and Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that the period between birth and three years of age is critical to the healthy development of a child. Your Committee further finds that instability and trauma in the life of a child during the early formative period can interrupt healthy patterns of growth and development, resulting in increased risk for numerous behavioral and developmental problems that can detrimentally impact the child's future. Your Committee



additionally finds that the Zero to Three Court has been established by the Judiciary to meet the needs of very young children whose parents are involved in Family Court. This measure provides funds to expand the Zero to Three Court Program into the Third Circuit so that the children in the County of Hawaii may live in healthy and safe environments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by replacing the appropriation amount of \$75,588 with a blank appropriation amount.

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. 170, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 170, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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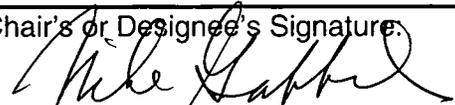
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 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: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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