STAND. COM. REP. NO. **(1)91** -24

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 14 , 2024

RE: S.B. No. 3094

S.D. 2 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 3094, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a working group within the Office of Wellness and Resilience to develop and make recommendations for a statewide framework for peer support specialists.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Department of Health; Department of Human Services; Office of Wellness and Resilience; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; State Council on Mental Health; EPIC 'Ohana, Inc.; Pacific Peer Connection; Pūʻā Foundation; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Opportunity Youth Action Hawaii; Commit to Keiki; Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that research shows that there are many benefits of peer support for individuals, including improved behavioral health outcomes, reduced hospital admission rates, longer community tenure, increased social functioning, and

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decreased substance abuse and depression. Your Committee further finds that peer support extends to many marginalized individuals in the State, such as homeless individuals, those involved in the child welfare system, survivors of disasters, individuals involved in the correctional and juvenile justice systems, and certain caregivers of youth. Your Committee believes that establishing a working group will benefit the State by enhancing the role of peer support specialists in serving individuals in need.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3094, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3094, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

LISA MARTEN, Chair

Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services

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☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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