

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2367
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2367, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS OF THE OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Office of Youth Services to obtain criminal history record information on the employees, prospective employees, and volunteers of its contracted providers and subcontractors for all positions that require individuals to work in close proximity with youth when providing services on its behalf.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the measure from the Department of Human Resources Development, the Office of Youth Services, Hawaii Youth Services Network, and the Kokua Council.

Your Committee finds that services to youth should be provided in a safe, healthy environment, and that every effort should be made to ensure that the people providing services are suitable to working in close proximity with at-risk youth. This measure will enable the Office of Youth Services to obtain criminal history record information about the employees, prospective employees, and volunteers of the various entities that provide services for youth on behalf of the Office of Youth Services.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by revising the definition of "volunteer" to comport with its use throughout the measure and by changing the effective date to upon its approval.

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 H.B. No. 2367, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2367, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs.

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

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SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



