

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2007

RE: H.B. No. 528
H.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 528, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MINORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enable minors without support to obtain medical care.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from The Queen's Medical Center; Kaiser Permanente; Hawaii Family Forum; Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawai'i; Hawaii Medical Association; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hale Kipa; Waikiki Health Center; Partners In Care; Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i; Hawaii Youth Services Network; Ho'ola Lahui Hawai'i; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds this measure will allow the approximately one thousand youth living on their own to obtain needed medical care for acute illness or injury. This group of minors is very vulnerable and many of them are homeless, running away from abusive situations or drug addicted parents. Under existing law, these youths are unable to obtain medical care because physicians and clinics require parental consent for the treatment of minors because of concerns about liability.

Your Committee notes that the measure provides clear definitions and a clear explanation of the scope and nature of



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medical care to which the minor can consent to and under what circumstances.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 528, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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

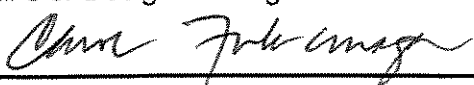


DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 528 HD2	HTH, JDL	3/21/07		
<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
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
MENOR, Ron	✓			
WHALEN, Paul				✓
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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