

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2075

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 09 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2078  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2078 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MINORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow minors to give informed consent to emergency shelter and other services when a parent or guardian is either unavailable to consent or refuses to grant consent.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, Hale Kipa, and the Hawaii Youth Services Network. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that minors are faced with the possibility of being homeless when they flee, voluntarily or involuntarily, from home. At present, they are not allowed to enter an emergency shelter due to their age. In some cases, when the parents are asked to consent to a minor being housed in a shelter, the parents refuse. Your Committee also finds that it is in the best interests of the community to allow minors to be housed in emergency shelters rather than turned away.

Your Committee has made technical, nonsubstantive stylistic changes.



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. 2078, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2078, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations.

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

*Suzanne Chun Oakland*

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

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**HMS**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2078</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HMS</b>	Date: <b>2/2/10</b>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)				✓
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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