

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 7, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 691
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 691
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds for a
suicide prevention coordinator within the Department of Health
(DOH) and for suicide prevention services within the Department of
Education.

The Department of Education, Hawaii Youth Services Network,
and several concerned individuals provided testimony in support of
this measure.

The Department of Health testified that a fully-funded and
filled teen suicide prevention coordinator position already exists
within the Department. Therefore, your Committee finds that
appropriations in the bill to fund that position within the DOH
are unnecessary.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing the reference to "law enforcement personnel"
and replacing "other persons who have contact with
individuals at risk of suicide" with "personnel who deal
with children at work or in a recreational capacity";

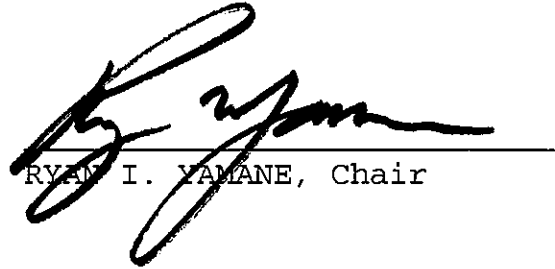
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- (2) Eliminating the appropriation for the suicide prevention coordinator within the DOH; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to facilitate further discussion.

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. 691, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 691, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Education.

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



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



