

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 182

H.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 182, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO JUVENILES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Permit a court to dispose of a juvenile case by referring a child offender to a restorative justice program when the court deems it would be in the best interest of the child and the child admits guilt; and
- (2) Clarify and provide examples of restorative justice programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii Youth Services Network, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, Community Alliance on Prisons, and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that separating juvenile offenders from their families and communities has a direct effect on rehabilitation and recidivism. By promoting greater discourse among communities, offenders, victims, and their support groups, this measure aids juvenile offenders in the difficult task of



reintegration into a community and offers a venue for victims to express themselves and achieve closure. By engaging parents, guardians, and supporters in this restorative justice process, this program encourages collaboration and understanding among all affected parties in a safe, healthy environment.

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. 182, H.D. 1, 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 Human Services,


Suzanne Chun Oakland

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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| Bill / Resolution No.:* HB182, HD1 | Committee Referral: HMS, JDL | Date: 3/14/13 | | |
| <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 |
| CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C) | ✓ | | | |
| GREEN, Josh (VC) | / | | | |
| KIDANI, Michelle N. | | | | // |
| TANIGUCHI, Brian T. | | | | // |
| SLOM, Sam | X 2 ✓ | | | |
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| Chair's or Designee's Signature:  | | | | |
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