

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1336

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2013

RE: H.B. No. 395
H.D. 2
S.D. 2

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 395, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO YOUTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the safe places for youth pilot program and to amend guidelines for courts to use in awarding custody of a minor child.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Adult Friends for Youth; Hawaii Youth Services Network; Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery; Community Alliance for Mental Health; IMUAlliance; and sixty-seven individuals. Your Committee received written comments in opposition to part II of this measure from the Judiciary. Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Office of Youth Services and one individual.

Your Committee finds that a safe places for youth pilot program and an appropriation to support it will help to link youth services and provide 24-hour crisis response for youth to access services needed to overcome negative influences. Your Committee further finds that, when awarding custody of a minor child, the court should be guided by a preference for awarding custody to both parents to maximize the child's physical, emotional, and meaningful contact with each parent.

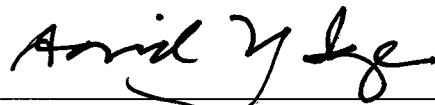


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the definition of "youth" to specify individuals under the age of twenty-one;
- (2) Adding a repeal date for part 1 of the measure, to coincide with the termination date of the youth pilot program already established by the measure; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 395, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 395, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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HB 345, HD3, SD1	HMS, WAM	3-27-13		
<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 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
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	12	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:right; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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