

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1014

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 19, 2013

RE: S.B. No. 391
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 391, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO YOUTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a network of service providers that youth may access for safety and to obtain advice, guidance, programs, and services by establishing a Safe Places for Youth Pilot Program. Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires the Office of Youth Services to coordinate a two-year Safe Places for Youth Pilot Program; and
- (2) Appropriates an unspecified amount of funds for staff and residential options for the pilot program.

The Department of Education, Hawaii Youth Services Network, IMUAlliance, Blueprint for Change, Adult Friends for Youth, and two individuals testified in support of the measure.

Your Committee finds that there is an urgent need for coordinated supportive services for vulnerable youth, particularly in rural and remote areas of the State. The Safe Places for Youth Project is an important effort to allow youth with unsafe or abusive home or school environments to seek help and services.

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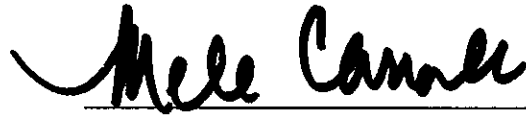


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding dating violence prevention to the list of services to be provided to youth as part of the pilot program; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 391, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 391, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



MELE CARROLL, Chair



