

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 391
S.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 S.B. No. 391 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO YOUTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Office of Youth Services to coordinate a two-year safe places for youth pilot program, which will coordinate a network of safe places where youth can access safety and obtain advice, guidance, programs, and services; and
- (2) Establish and appropriate funds for the position of safe places for youth program coordinator.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Office of Youth Services; Hale Opiu Kauai, Inc.; Community Alliance for Mental Health; Hawaii Youth Services Network; Planned Parenthood of Hawaii; Blueprint for Change; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is one of the safest and healthiest places in the nation for children and youth. However, many of Hawaii's youth are not immune to daily threats to their health and safety. Every year, youth run away from homes where abuse, neglect, and domestic violence are commonplace, or from schools where intolerable bullying becomes a major barrier to



educational achievement. Without access to safe places, youth in these situations are vulnerable and may be victimized by predatory adults who lure them into consuming alcohol, substance abuse, or prostitution.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including behavioral health counseling and education among the services and programs to be provided by the safe places for youth pilot program; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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

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




SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 391	Committee Referral: HMS, NAM	Date: 1/29/13		
<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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
GREEN, Josh (VC)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				✓
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes