

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2405

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2442
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Government Operations,
to which was referred S.B. No. 2442 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH DAY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to recognize
celebrations of Children and Youth Day as an official state event.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Hawai'i
Afterschool Alliance, Hawaii Youth Services Network, Parents and
Children Together, Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii,
Hawaii Children's Action Network, Self-Advocacy Advisory Council,
Kalihi Community Youth Violence and Gang Prevention and
Intervention Task Force, and fifteen individuals. Your Committees
received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Ethics
Commission.

Your Committees find that the first Sunday in October is
designated as "Children and Youth Day", and the month of October
is designated as "Children and Youth Month". Though they are not
state holidays, they are important state celebrations. Activities
of Children and Youth Day provide a unique opportunity for
children, youth, and families to learn and play together. In past
celebrations of Children and Youth Day on the Capitol grounds
there have been two hundred or more interactive exhibits, tables,
and games to educate people about nutrition, exercise, parenting,
the environment, safety, employment, education, disaster

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preparedness, culture, and many other topics that lead to healthy lifestyles and a sustainable Hawaii. The annual event was regularly attended by 40,000 or more people each year. Celebration of our keiki is a special community gathering that encourages children and youth to learn about the joys of community service as they work side by side with kupuna. Investing in Hawaii's keiki is an investment in Hawaii's future leaders.

Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2442, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2442, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Human Services
and Government Operations,



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



