

Honolulu, Hawaii

**APR 27 2016**

RE: S.B. No. 2886  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 2  
C.D. 1

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

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 2886, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGE OF CONSENT FOR ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to reduce barriers to accessing mental health services for minors by lowering the age of consent to receive treatment and services, other than prescription medication or out-of-home or residential treatment, from eighteen years of age to fourteen years.

Your Committee on Conference finds that requiring parental consent for minors to receive substance abuse treatment and family planning services may pose a barrier to health care. Minors may find desired mental health services inaccessible due to the discomfort and even opposition caused by obtaining parental consent.



By allowing access to mental health services for consenting minors of a certain age, individuals seeking improved emotional and mental well-being may be served in a timely manner.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2016.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2886, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2886, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

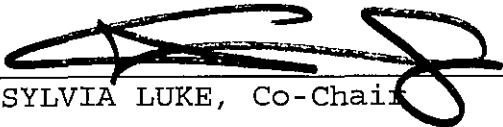
ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



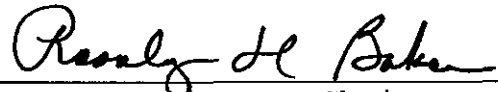
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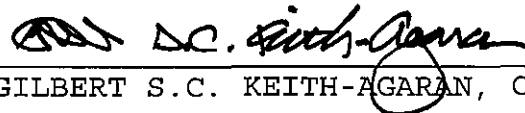
SYLVIA LUKE, Co-Chair



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Co-Chair



GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Co-Chair



Record of Votes of a  
Conference Committee

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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).


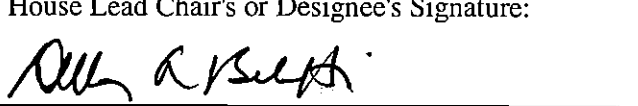
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
BAKER, Rosalyn H., Chr.	✓				BELATTI, Della Au, Co-Chr.	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne, Co-Chr.	✓				RHOADS, Karl, Co-Chr.	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C., Co-Chr.	✓				LUKE, Sylvia, Co-Chr.	✓			
					MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
					FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth	✓			
TOTAL	3	-	-	-	TOTAL	5	-	-	-

A = Aye      WR = Aye with Reservations      N = Nay      E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 
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