

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 22, 2016

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

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2886, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce barriers in accessing mental health services for adolescents by lowering the age of consent from eighteen years old to twelve years old for minors to receive mental health treatment or counseling services provided by a licensed mental health professional.

The Department of Health, The Judiciary, Department of Human Services, Office of Youth Services, Child & Family Service, Hawaii Psychological Association, Hale 'Opio Kaua'i, Inc., Hawaii Youth Services Network, Big Island Teen Counseling Center, and two individuals testified in support of this measure. A few individuals opposed this measure. The Department of Education and Hawaii Family Advocates commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to January 7, 2112, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity.



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

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

HSCR 1164-16

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: CB 2886, SDZ	Committee Referral: HLT, JUD	Date: 3/18/16		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. CREAGAN, Richard P. (VC)	✓			
3. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
4. JORDAN, Jo				✓
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	✓			
8. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth	✓			
9. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.				✓
TOTAL (9)	7			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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