

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 547

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 417

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 417 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILDREN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish that informal adjustment shall be prioritized over formal action with regard to a child reasonably believed to fall under the jurisdiction of the family court solely as a result of one or more violations of truancy.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Community Alliance on Prisons. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Youth Services.

Your Committee finds that informal adjustment may be provided to a child under the jurisdiction of the family court in lieu of going through a formal action. Informal adjustment may include various methods and programs, such as restitution projects, community service projects, community-based programs, and educational programs, that are designed to provide services and educate a child committing a status offense rather than impose penalties. By prioritizing informal adjustment for truancy cases, this measure provides a more appropriate consequence and opportunity for change to a child than suspension from school.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B.

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No. 417 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary and  
Labor,

  
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GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Judiciary and Labor**  
**JDL**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB417</b>	Committee Referral: <b>JDL</b>	Date: <b>2/1/17</b>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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