

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2418

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2986  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 2986  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require all  
teachers, principals, and school counselors to complete two hours  
of suicide prevention and education training each year.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Education, United States Army Hawaii  
Suicide Prevention Program, Hawai'i Psychological Association, and  
O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic  
Party of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that suicide is the fourth leading cause  
of death for children between the ages of ten and fourteen, and is  
the leading cause of death for young people between the ages of  
fifteen and twenty-four. The percentage of teenagers in Hawaii  
who plan to commit suicide and the percentage of teenagers who  
attempt suicide are among the highest in the nation. Your  
Committee therefore finds that there is a need to increase the  
number of individuals in educational institutions, such as  
teachers, principals, and school counselors, who are trained to  
identify youth at risk of suicide and refer those children to  
appropriate services, counseling, and intervention. The Jason



Flatt Act, first passed in Tennessee in 2007, requires all educators to complete youth suicide awareness and prevention training every year as part of their state licensure to teach. Your Committee finds that it is time for Hawaii to enact similar legislation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a blank appropriation for the Department of Education to conduct suicide prevention and education training; 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 Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2986, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2986, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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




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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Labor**  
**LBR**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB2986</b>	Committee Referral: <b>LBR, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/13/18</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 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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	✓			
<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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