

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1784

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2019

RE: H.B. No. 655

H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 655, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to designate the month of September of each year as Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that from 2013 to 2017, nine hundred twenty-six Hawaii residents died from suicide. Suicide is the leading cause of fatal injuries accounting for twenty-five percent of the 3,695 total deaths during this time period. Codifying September as Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month in Hawaii will bring awareness about suicide prevention since it provides a yearly focus for coordinated statewide public awareness activities.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 655, H.D. 1, 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 Labor, Culture and
the Arts,



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts
LCA

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>HB 655, HD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>LCA</i>	Date: <i>3-28-19</i>		
<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
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes