

Honolulu, Hawaii  
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RE: H.B. No. 1691  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1691  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from Hawaii Family Forum, LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of  
Hawaii, Hawai'i Psychological Association, Prevent Suicide Hawai'i  
Taskforce, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that according to data provided by the  
Prevent Suicide Hawai'i Taskforce, every two days one person in  
Hawaii falls victim to suicide. Your Committee further finds that  
increasing awareness around suicide prevention is one of the key  
strategies of the Taskforce's Strategic Plan. By designating the  
month of September every year as "Suicide Prevention and Awareness  
Month", this measure increases public awareness around suicide  
prevention education.

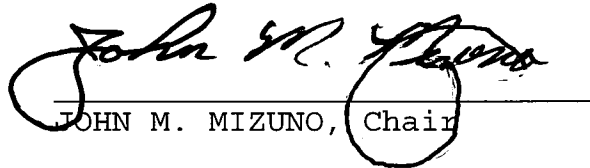
Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 1691, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1691, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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

  
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JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



