

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2611

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2119

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2119 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ROOM CONFINEMENT OF CHILDREN AT DETENTION AND SHELTER FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to limit the circumstances under which children and minors at shelters may be placed in room confinement and specifies the conditions and time limits for which room confinement may be imposed.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Judiciary, Office of the Public Defender, American Association of University Women of Hawaii, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that over the past decade, Hawaii's juvenile justice system has undergone a major philosophical shift from practices that exert control over youth through punishment toward evidence-based and trauma responsive approaches for holding youth accountable for conduct.

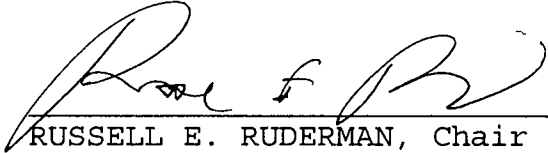
Your Committee notes that facilities that rely on room confinement to control youth must also change their approach. Research and experience establish that any perceived brief benefits of room confinement obscure the fact that room



confinement is not an effective deterrent for misbehavior and that long periods of isolation have negative consequences for youth.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2119 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,




RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2119	Committee Referral: HMS, IDC	Date: 2.10.2020		
<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
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (C)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)				✓
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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