

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 , 2021

RE: H.R. No. 138
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, to which was referred H.R. No. 138 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, VIA THE BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, VIA THE YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM, TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND GENDER IDENTITY AND GENDER EXPRESSION OF RESPONDENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Department of Health, via the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, and the Department of Education, via the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, collect information on the sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity and gender expression of respondents.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Youth Services Network, Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center, AF3IRM Hawai'i, Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii, The Trevor Project, and twelve individuals.

Your Committee finds that data published by the Department of Health indicates that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer or questioning children and youth in Hawaii have higher

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rates of isolation, depression, suicidal ideations or attempts, substance use and misuse, homelessness, and sexual and intimate partner violence. Your Committee further finds that the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System is a joint effort by the Departments of Health and Education for the monitoring of the health of Hawaii's youth population and that data collected by the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System on the sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity and gender expression of respondents will be invaluable in maintaining the health and needs of the State's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer or questioning children and youth.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language recognizing that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, and intersex youth, particularly those of color, are historically overrepresented in juvenile detention and correctional facilities in the juvenile system;
- (2) Inserting language requesting that the Department of Human Services be included in the data collection on the sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity and gender expression of respondents;
- (3) Inserting language requesting that the data collected include the sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression of respondents who are under the supervision of the courts and the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility;
- (4) Inserting language requesting that the Department of Public Safety work with the Sexual and Gender Minority Workgroup within the Department of Health to ensure that the data collected is administered in accordance with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, and intersex data collection best practices;
- (5) Changing its title to read, "REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, VIA THE BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM; AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, VIA THE YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM, TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE SEX,



SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND GENDER IDENTITY AND GENDER EXPRESSION OF RESPONDENTS, INCLUDING RESPONDENTS WHO ARE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE COURTS AND THE HAWAII YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY."; and

- (6) 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, Human Services, & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 138, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 138, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness,



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



