

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.R. No. 57
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. 57 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AND ACTION MONTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to designate September as National Suicide Prevention and Action Month.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaii Family Forum and one individual.

Your Committee finds that September is known nationally as "Suicide Prevention Month", a designation that is intended to promote awareness and raise visibility of the mental health resources and suicide prevention services available in the community.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language acknowledging that suicide was the eleventh leading cause of death in Hawaii in 2020 and the second leading cause of death for those ages ten to thirty-four in Hawaii;

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- (2) Inserting language asserting the State's commitment to lowering suicide rates;
- (3) Clarifying that this measure will designate September 2021 as Suicide Prevention and Action Month;
- (4) Changing its title to read, "DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2021 AS SUICIDE PREVENTION AND ACTION MONTH."; and
- (5) 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. 57, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 57, H.D. 1.

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



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



