

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 10 2021

RE: S.B. No. 22
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 22 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MINORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide additional means by which minors may seek emergency shelter.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaii Youth Services Network, Residential Youth Services and Empowerment, Hawai'i Health and Harm Reduction Center, LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness and the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that there is often reluctance on the part of minors seeking no-cost emergency shelter due to their concerns about being reported to child welfare services or law enforcement, absent permission from their parents or other legal guardians. Your Committee further finds that permitting a minor to consent to these emergency services will reduce their exposure to harm on the streets.

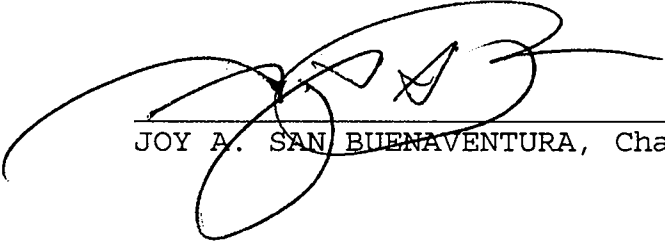
Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Allowing the child welfare services branch to become involved with a youth even without a provider report suspecting child abuse or neglect to the Department of Human Services; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 22, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 22, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB22	Committee Referral: HMS, JDC	Date: 02/04/2021		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	•		✓	
TOTAL	4	0	1	
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