

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1932
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1932, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Child Welfare Services Branch of the Department of Human Services to establish a pilot program to develop a modern case management software solution compatible with existing child welfare technology; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for this purpose.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Binti, Inc. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the number of children in Hawaii's foster care system has been increasing substantially, resulting in caseworkers being overwhelmed by the surging caseloads. This leads to fewer in-person visits to children and families, decreased child and family involvement in case planning, less



support for families, and more opportunities for children and families to fall through the cracks. This measure will allow caseworkers to more effectively manage their caseloads to meet the growing number of children in foster care, ensure that Hawaii can meet the national standard for monthly visits, improve case planning, and strengthen child and family involvement to improve mental and behavioral health outcomes for youth and the health needs for children.

Your Committee notes the testimony of the Department of Human Services that a pilot program is not necessary as the department is currently developing and implementing a new Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Child Welfare Services Branch of the Department of Human Services to develop a modern case management software solution that is compatible with existing child welfare technology without a pilot program; 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 H.B. No. 1932, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1932, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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




JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
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Record of Votes
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<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	5	0	0	0
Recommendation:				
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