

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 318

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2021

RE: S.B. No. 1155
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 Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1155
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the
issuance of licenses to persons of a secular or non-religious
organization to solemnize marriages.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health, LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party
of Hawai'i, and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure allows non-religiously
affiliated persons to officiate marriage and civil union
ceremonies. Your Committee also finds that this measure
acknowledges the diversity of perspectives in the State without
diminishing the customs and rights of other traditions. Finally,
your Committee finds that the term "civil celebrant", which means
"person of a secular or non-religious organization who performs
marriage ceremonies" is circularly defined in this measure.

Therefore, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the definition of "civil celebrant" to mean "a
person of a secular or non-religious organization who



has received the consent of the parties to be married";
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 Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1155, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1155, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



JARETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Health
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1195	HTH, CPN/JDC	2-10-2021		
<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
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt			✓	
TOTAL	4	-	1	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Rosalyn H Baker</div>				
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