

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 218  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Judiciary, to which was referred S.R. No. 218 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO DEVELOP LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, PLUS SPECIFIC TRAINING GUIDELINES FOR INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AGENCIES THAT SERVE AND ASSIST LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, PLUS SURVIVORS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Request the Department of Human Services to develop lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus (LGBTQ+) specific training guidelines for state agencies that serve and assist survivors of intimate partner violence;
- (2) Request the Department of Human Services to obtain input for the training guidelines from relevant advocates and professionals; and
- (3) Request state agencies that serve and assist survivors of intimate partner violence to receive and implement the training guidelines developed by the Department of Human Services to better address the needs of LGBTQ+ survivors.



Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and Department of Health.

Your Committees find that LGBTQ+ individuals experience intimate partner violence at a higher rate than heterosexual individuals. According to the "Hawai'i Sexual and Gender Minority Health Report" issued in 2017, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and questioning youth were approximately twice as likely to have experienced dating violence as their heterosexual peers. According to the "Hawai'i Sexual and Gender Minority Health Report" issued in 2018, fifty percent of transgender youth in Hawaii had reported "being raped or assaulted by a romantic partner". Furthermore, LGBTQ+ individuals may have fewer resources to escape the harmful relationship due to families and communities who reject them. In addition, LGBTQ+ individuals are less likely to report the violence or seek assistance due to barriers that are LGBTQ+ specific, such as social stigma that comes with being a sexual and gender minority and well-meaning but misinformed service providers who try to assist them in heterosexist ways that are harmful to LGBTQ+ individuals. This measure will help state agencies that serve and assist survivors of intimate partner violence to better understand and attend to the unique circumstances and needs of LGBTQ+ individuals.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title for clarity; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 218, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 218, S.D. 1.

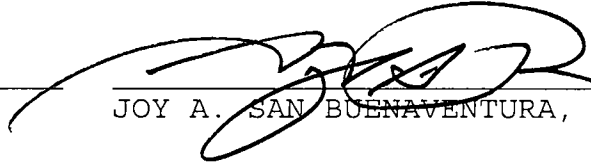


Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Human Services  
and Judiciary,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



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JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair





The Senate  
Thirty-First Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
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| Bill / Resolution No.:*<br><b>SR 218</b>   | Committee Referral:<br><b>HMS/JDC</b> | Date:<br><b>03-31-22</b> |     |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.<br>If so, then the previous decision was to: _____  |                                       |                          |     |         |
| The Recommendation is:<br><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 |
| RHOADS, Karl (C)   | /                                     |                          |     |         |
| KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)  | /                                     |                          |     |         |
| ACASIO, Laura  | /                                     |                          |     |         |
| GABBARD, Mike  | /                                     |                          |     |         |
| KIM, Donna Mercado   |                                       |                          |     | /       |
| LEE, Chris   | /                                     |                          |     |         |
| FEVELLA, Kurt  | /                                     |                          |     |         |
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| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted   |                                       |                          |     |         |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature:   |                                       |                          |     |         |
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