

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1089

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03, 2023

RE: H.B. No. 470
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 470, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MINORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make permanent the definition of "provider" as it relates to entities eligible to provide no cost emergency shelter and related services to consenting minors, as amended by Act 23, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Youth Services Network, Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Residential Youth Services & Empowerment, Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i, and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and Office of Youth Services.

Your Committee finds that minors experiencing housing instability and homelessness need safe places to seek shelter and receive assistance. To address this, the Legislature enacted Act 23, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021 (Act 23), which established a means to provide shelter to unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness without the need to obtain consent from a parent or

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guardian. Your Committee notes that despite the importance and success of Act 23, it is set to sunset on June 30, 2023. This measure will ensure youth experiencing homelessness will continue to have the safe and secure shelter needed to stabilize, heal, and access resources.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring a provider who renders no cost emergency shelter and related services to a minor to take steps to ensure that pertinent youth obtain and receive services from the juvenile justice or child welfare systems, as applicable, as required by the federal Runaway and Homeless Youth Act; and
- (2) 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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 470, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 470, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,

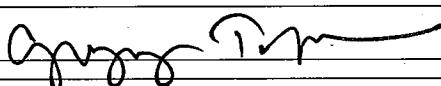


DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 470, HD1	Committee Referral: HUS, JHA	Date: 2/24/2023		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (VC)	✓			
3. GANADEN, Sonny	✓			
4. HOLT, Daniel				✓
5. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
6. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
7. ILAGAN, Greggor	✓			
8. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
9. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
10. SOUZA, Kanani	✓			
TOTAL (10)	9	-	-	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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