

Honolulu, Hawaii  
, 2024

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RE: S.B. No. 3125  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Homelessness, to which was referred S.B. No. 3125, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL CARE FOR MINORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize minors who are fourteen years of age or older to consent to medical care and services for sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, and family planning services, including the prevention of sexually transmitted infections; and
- (2) Require health insurance plans and health care providers to maintain confidentiality policies and procedures for minor-initiated medical care and services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates - Hawai'i; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii; Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i; Essential Access Health; Parents and Children Together; Hawaii Academy of Family Physicians, Legislative Committee; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Rainbow Family 808; and numerous



individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that existing law permits minors who are fourteen years of age or older to consent, independently and without their parent or guardian's involvement, to medical care and services for screening and treatment of sexually transmitted infections. However, existing law does not allow minors to access preventive treatments for sexually transmitted infections, resulting in a critical gap in minors' access to medical care. This measure increases access to preventive health care and reduces the risk for the spread of sexually transmitted infections.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; 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 Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3125, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3125, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



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DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



