

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3137
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 3137 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify and update the responsibilities of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division of the Department of Health to reflect the current mental health systems of care to address the mental health needs of children and adolescents in the State.

Your Committee did not receive any testimony on this measure.

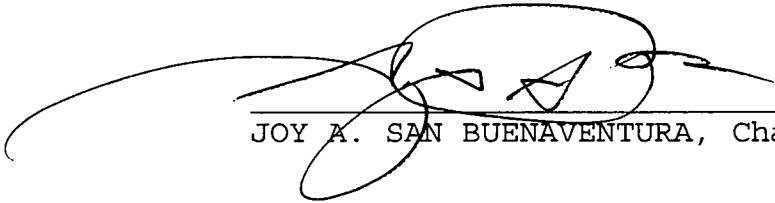
Your Committee finds that addressing mental health needs of children and adolescents is imperative for their health and well-being in adulthood. Your Committee further finds that existing law governing the functions of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division of the Department of Health is over fifty years old and therefore, obsolete. This measure updates the statutory provisions to reflect the most recent practices.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3137, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3137, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



