

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2369

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2460

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. 2460 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to address the mental health and wellness needs of youth in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health Office of the Public Defender, Hawai'i Youth Services Network, YMCA of Honolulu, Catholic Charities Hawai'i, Hawai'i True Cost Coalition, Hawaii Medical Association, Mental Health America of Hawai'i, Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i and seven individuals.

Your Committee finds that the youth of Hawaii face mental health challenges in more significant numbers than in years past, with depression, substance abuse, and suicidal ideation being top issues. Your Committee further finds a need to address the wellness and mental health of the youth in the State by funding resources with community-based services to ensure youth can gain the necessary tools to manage emotional, behavioral, environmental, financial, intellectual, physical, social, and spiritual health to develop into healthy members of their communities. This measure will therefore help provide increased



outreach and intervention to give the State's keiki the care they deserve.

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. 2460 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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




JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Health and Human Services
HHS

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2460	Committee Referral: HHS, WAM	Date: 2/7/24		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes