

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1791

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1079
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1079, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish trauma-informed organizational assessments and training curricula for the Child Welfare Services Branch within the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Office of Wellness and Resilience of the Office of the Governor, State Council on Mental Health, Early Childhood Action Strategy, Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!, Hawaii Primary Care Association, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Hawaii Youth Services Network, and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that many children and families who are referred to the Child Welfare Services Branch have experienced significant trauma. Your Committee recognizes that as part of adopting a trauma-informed approach to providing service to children and families in the child welfare system, proper training and support of dedicated professionals is key. Your Committee finds that establishing trauma-informed organizational assessments



and training curricula will improve the child welfare system's ability to effectively support both the families impacted by trauma and the staff serving them.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1079, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB1079 HPI SD1	Committee Referral: HHS, WAM	Date: 4/2/2025		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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