STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1009

Honolulu, Hawaii **FEB 28**, 2025 RE: H.B. No. 640 H.D. 3

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 640, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- Require the Office of the Ombudsman to publish an annual report that identifies the number and nature of complaints regarding the Child Welfare Services Branch of the Department of Human Services; and
- (2) Require the Child Welfare Services Branch to provide notification to certain parties that complaints can also be filed with the Office of the Ombudsman.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Coalition for Child Protective Reform. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services; Office of the Ombudsman; and Mālama 'Ohana Working Group.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.



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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 640, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 640, H.D. 3.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,

KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HBV40, HD2	Committee Referral: LMG, HSH, FIN	Date	2/21/2	5
□ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)				
2. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna (VC)				
3. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada	/			
4. HOLT, Daniel	/			
5. HUSSEY, Ikaika				
6. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L	. /	Ne. 111 August - State Brandston and International August - Aug		to units a right "discontinues to interesting
7. KITAGAWA, Lisa				
8. KUSCH, Matthias				
9. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.				
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13. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann				
14. ALCOS III, David				
15. REYES ODA, Julie				
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TOTAL (16)	12	0	0	4
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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