

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1228
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services and Judiciary,
to which was referred S.B. No. 1228 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a working group for legal services for youth
in the child welfare system within the Judiciary; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the working group.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Judiciary; Department of Human Services; Office of
Wellness and Resilience; Hawai'i Youth Services Network; Hawai'i
Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawaii Coalition for Child
Protective Reform; HI H.O.P.E.S. Initiative; National Center for
Youth Law; and six individuals.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from one
individual.

Your Committees find that the Malama Ohana Working Group,
established by Act 86, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, offered a
number of recommendations to establish a trauma-informed child
welfare system, including reforming the process of the family



court. In accordance with those recommendations and to create a more equitable, successful child welfare system, this measure establishes a working group for legal services for youth in the State.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language to include a member of the Domestic Violence Action Center to the working group for legal services for youth in the child welfare system;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of December 31, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1228, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1228, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



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<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)	✓			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
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