

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2015

RE: S.B. No. 979

S.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 979, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO YOUTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide a safe environment for Hawaii's youth that ensures their safety and health by, among other things:

- (1) Requiring the Office of Youth Services to implement a five-year Safe Places for Youth pilot program;
- (2) Establishing the position of the Safe Places for Youth pilot program Coordinator and specifying the Coordinator's duties and responsibilities;
- (3) Establishing a framework which allows youth under the age of eighteen to consent to accept services from a service provider of the Safe Places for Youth pilot program;
- (4) Requiring the Office of Youth Services to submit annual reports to the Legislature on the Safe Places for Youth pilot program; and



- (5) Appropriating funds for the Coordinator position of the Safe Places for Youth pilot program and temporary housing opportunities for youth in crisis who participate in the pilot program.

The Office of Youth Services, PHOCUSED, Hawaii Youth Services Network, Kokua Council & AARP 60, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii, Blueprint for Change, Family Programs Hawaii, Family Support Hawaii, Hale Kipa, and several individuals supported this measure. Several individuals opposed this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 979, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



DEE MORIKAWA, Chair



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The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>SB 979, SD2</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HUS, FIN</i>	Date: <i>3/19/15</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MORIKAWA, Dee (C)	/			
2. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
4. CREAGAN, Richard P.	/			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	/			
6. JORDAN, Jo	/			
7. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	/			
8. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth			/	
TOTAL (8)	<i>7</i>		<i>1</i>	
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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