

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 795

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 979
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 979, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO YOUTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Office of Youth Services to implement a safe places for youth pilot program to provide youth in crisis with a safety network and access to advice, guidance, programs, and services.

Additionally, this measure appropriates funds to fill a program coordinator position for the program and provide housing opportunities for program participants.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Office of Youth Services; Hawaii Youth Services Network; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Planned Parenthood of Hawaii; Protecting Hawaii's Ohana, Children, Under-Served, Elderly and Disabled (PHOCUSED); Family Programs Hawaii; Olomea Inc.; Rainbow Family 808; and three individuals. Written comments in opposition to this measure were received from Hawaii Family Advocates and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that prevention is a critical component in the juvenile justice continuum of services, and the pilot project established under this measure will serve that purpose, by providing youth access to help, advice, and guidance before their problems escalate into possible delinquent behaviors.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Office of Youth Services to submit annual reports to the Legislature on the pilot program;
- (2) Specifying that the program coordinator position is exempt from the State's civil service laws;
- (3) Changing the appropriation amount to an unspecified sum; and
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

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 S.B. No. 979, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 979, S.D. 2.

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



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB979 SD1	HSH, WAM	3/2/15		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	11	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: N. N. M.				
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