

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2303

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2303 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO YOUTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Office of Youth Services to coordinate a two-year safe places for youth pilot program, which will coordinate a network of safe places where youth can access safety and obtain advice, guidance, programs, and services; and
- (2) Establish and appropriate funds for a safe places for a youth pilot program coordinator position and residential options for the pilot program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Youth Services, Honolulu Police Department, Hawaii Youth Services Network, Rainbow Family 808, Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii, IMUAlliance, and three individuals.

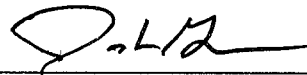
Your Committee finds that between one million and 1.7 million homeless youth have run away or have been asked to leave their homes. Your Committee further finds that a 2016 National Conference of State Legislatures article indicates that studies



have shown that forty-six percent of runaway youth and homeless youth reported being physically abused, thirty-eight percent reported being emotionally abused, and seventeen percent reported being forced into unwanted sexual activity by a family member or household member. Homeless youth are at a higher risk for physical abuse, sexual exploitation, mental health disabilities, substance abuse, and death. Your Committee recognizes the importance of establishing safe places that offer shelter, programs, and support to at-risk youth.

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. 2303 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2303	Committee Referral: HMS, WAM	Date: 2/5/18		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: [Signature]				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes