

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2019

RE: H.B. No. 437
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 437, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to facilitate mental health services for individuals traumatized by certain violent crimes.

More specifically, this measure authorizes crime victim compensation for mental health services for survivors in cases involving a death and for children who witness domestic violence.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Crime Victim Compensation Commission, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii Psychological Association, Mental Health America of Hawaii, and The Sex Abuse Treatment Center.

Your Committee finds that the Crime Victim Compensation Commission was established in 1967 to mitigate the suffering and financial impact experienced by victims of violent crime by providing compensation to pay for un-reimbursed crime-related



expenses. However, some individuals who are severely impacted by violent crime are not eligible for compensation for mental health services. These include surviving family members in cases involving murder, manslaughter, and negligent homicide and children who witness domestic violence. Your Committee finds that this measure is intended to assist such individuals by ensuring that mental health services are accessible and affordable.

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 H.B. No. 437, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

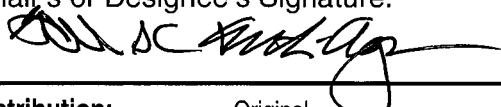


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 437, HD1, SD1	Committee Referral: JOC, WAM	Date: 4/3/19		
<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 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				X
HARIMOTO, Breene				X
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				X
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	10			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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