

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 282  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, to which was referred H.B. No. 282 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MINORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand the circumstances under which a minor may consent to no cost emergency shelter and related services to include cases where the provider is coordinating with child welfare services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; Pride At Work; Hawaii Youth Services Network; Partners In Care, Oahu's Continuum of Care; Residential Youth Services & Empowerment; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness and Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that programs that provide services to youths are currently prohibited from sheltering youth under the age of eighteen. As a result, homeless youth are left without a safe space to sleep at night and many often partner with older adults and end up in unlawful, exploitive situations. This measure seeks to increase access to emergency shelter for homeless

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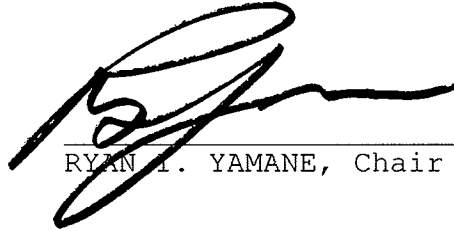


youth by expanding the circumstances under which a minor may consent to no cost emergency shelter.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2060, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 282, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 282, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health, Human  
Services, & Homelessness,



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



