

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1242
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1242
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a
trauma-informed care task force within the Department of Health to
make recommendations of trauma-informed care in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health, Hawaii Youth Services Network,
Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawai'i Primary Care Association,
Hawai'i Pacific Health, Kinai 'Eha, Hawaii Substance Abuse
Coalition, Kamehameha Schools, Imua Alliance, Hawaii Children's
Action Network Speaks!, Hawai'i Community Foundation, and nine
individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure
from the Department of Human Services and Executive Office on
Early Learning.

Your Committee finds that adverse childhood events (ACEs;
abuse or dysfunction in childhood) have harmful effects on health
care spending, health care utilization, poorly controlled chronic
illness, obesity, substance abuse, smoking, and other risk factors
later in life. Your Committee further finds that trauma-informed
approaches to health and human service systems of care from other
states demonstrate improvements in organizational culture,




availability and uptake of evidence-based treatments, use of trauma informed practices, and improvements in staff and caregiver knowledge and attitudes. This measure establishes a trauma-informed care task force within the Department of Health to implement a similar trauma-informed approach to health and human services in the State.

Your Committee recognizes the testimony of the Department of Health and other testifiers, which recommend adding certain personnel to the trauma-informed care task force. Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding and removing from the trauma-informed care task force, certain members of the community;
- (2) Requiring the task force's framework to include an implementation and sustainability plan; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1242, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1242, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



CARRETT KEOHOKALO, Chair



