

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2765

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR - 3 2022

RE: S.B. No. 3235
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 3235 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SAFE SPACES FOR YOUTH PILOT PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to improve the response of state and county agencies to the unmet needs of homeless youth in the State.

More specifically, the measure:

- (1) Establishes within the Department of Human Services a Safe Spaces for Youth Pilot Program that requires:
 - (A) Inter-agency collaboration among all departments of the State and counties that offer certain services to youth to provide safe spaces in each county for youth experiencing homelessness; and
 - (B) The Department of Human Services to enter into contracts with nonprofit organizations for placement of homeless youth in shelters that provide overnight lodging, supervision, and support services;



- (2) Requires the Department of Human Services to submit a report to the Legislature on pilot program activities, accomplishments, and other specified information; and
- (3) Appropriates moneys for the pilot program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Youth Services Network, Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Rainbow Family 808, Opportunity Youth Action Hui, and two individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, Department of Human Services, and Department of Budget and Finance.

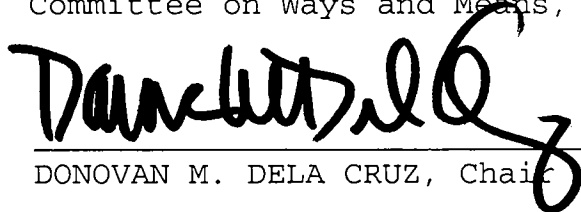
Your Committee finds that the pilot program established by this measure will provide an additional means of addressing the unmet needs of homeless youth through a coordinated inter-agency effort involving the state and county agencies responsible for the State's child welfare, education, health, human services, and juvenile justice systems.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 3235, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3235, S.D. 1.

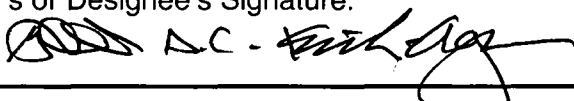
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 3235	Committee Referral: HMS, WAM	Date: 2/22/22		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	11			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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