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Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i Policy Initiative

SB 129 Challenges

SB 129, Relating to Minors, will expand the provisions for a minor to consent to no-cost emergency shelter and related services under certain circumstances provided that the provider supplying the shelter is licensed and in compliance with zoning and safety regulations; require the Department of Human Services to make every effort to have a shelter for minors on each island; make permanent the amendments to the definition of "provider" to include organizations that are not child placing organizations or child caring institutions that meet certain criteria; and require the Department of Human Services to amend its administrative rules to allow non-licensed child placing organizations with documented experience providing shelter and supportive services to be pre-qualified for a certificate of approval from the Department of Human Services.

OYAH and Carla Houser on behalf of RYSE had provided comments on this measure, as concerns were raised regarding the initial requirement of licensing in order to provide shelter for youth.

After the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services hearing on 2/15, amendments were made to delete the paragraph including these specifications.

As this is being written, there is no money committee hearing scheduled yet, so we will wait for more updates!

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Planning Legislative Meetings

The OYAH Policy Interns have been calling legislative offices to schedule meetings with Senators and Representatives to discuss some of our priority bills.

Here are some of the meetings that have been scheduled so far:

Representative Perruso:
March 1st, 03:00pm

Representative Ganaden:
March 2nd, 02:00pm

Representative Tam:
March 2nd, 03:30pm

Representative Mizuno:
March 3rd, 11:15am

The Lateral Deadline for all bills to move to their final committee in the originating chamber is **February 17th**.

