

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 21, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2337  
S.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2337, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE ADULT MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure a continuum of adult mental health services by:

- (1) Making an emergency appropriation of \$4,724,703 for fiscal year 2005-2006; and
- (2) Authorizing an increase in the expenditure ceiling of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Special Fund by an additional \$6,148,944,

for ongoing services at the Hawaii State Hospital and for community-based services.

DOH, the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill - Oahu, and a concerned individual supported this bill.


These emergency appropriations will address an unforeseen budget shortfall resulting from a sudden increase in the number of patients in the State Hospital and increased requests for community-based services.

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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. 2337, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



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DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



