

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1831 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

Apr: 124, 2006

RE: S.C.R. No. 113
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 Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Health,
to which was referred S.C.R. No. 113, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE
REFERENCE BUREAU TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF AUTHORIZING
PSYCHOLOGISTS WHO HAVE OBTAINED THE APPROPRIATE EDUCATION,
TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE TO PRESCRIBE A LIMITED FORMULARY OF
PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS FOR THE TREATMENT OF MENTAL ILLNESS
WHILE PRACTICING IN FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS OR
LICENSED HEALTH CLINICS LOCATE IN FEDERALLY DESIGNATED
MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AREAS OR IN MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
SHORTAGE AREAS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is take steps
toward increasing access to mental health treatment in rural and
other underserved areas of Hawaii by requesting the Legislative
Reference Bureau (LRB) to study whether a limited prescriptive
authority should be made available to qualified psychologists
serving these areas.

The Hawaii Psychological Association, Waianae Coast
Comprehensive Health Center, Hawaii Primary Care Association,
Hawaii Medical Association, and a concerned individual supported
this measure. The Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association
supported this measure and suggested amendments. LRB commented on
this measure.

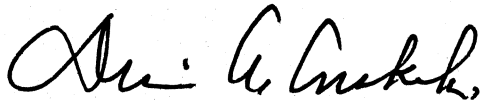
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Your Committees believe that the study requested by this concurrent resolution will cast a more objective light on what has been an extremely contentious issue, and bring us closer to resolving the acute shortage of appropriate mental health care for those living in our rural and other underserved communities.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 113, S.D. 1, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Consumer
Protection & Commerce and
Health,



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



