

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2475

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17

, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2683
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2683
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COURT-ORDERED MENTAL
EXAMINATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require that a copy of all
court-ordered mental health examinations be provided to the chief
of forensics of the adult mental health division of the department
of health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health, the Hawaii Disability Rights
Center, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that forensic examination process takes
many months to complete. During this process, a pretrial
defendant who may have a serious mental illness or disease will be
held in state custody without appropriate mental health treatment.

Your Committee further finds that requiring that a copy of
all court-ordered mental health examinations be provided to the
Chief of Forensics will streamline and improve the process of
examining mentally ill individuals.

Your Committee has amended this measure as suggested by the
Department of Health by specifying that the examination and all



supporting documents be provided to the Chief of Forensics at the end of the court proceeding.

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. 2683, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2683, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs.

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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Health
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* <i>SB 2683</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HTH, JHW</i>	Date: <i>2/13/06</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to: <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	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (VC)	✓			
HANABUSA, Colleen				✓
TSUTSUI, Shan S.	✓			
WHALEN, Paul				✓
TOTAL	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Suzanne Chun Oakland</i>				
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