

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2205

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb. 16

, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3224

S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 3224 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow individuals who participate in the state Medicaid program to have open access to mental health medications.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, Waipahu Aloha Clubhouse, Ko'olau Clubhouse, and eleven individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Human Services and Kaiser Permanente.

Your Committees find that it is crucial for all individuals with mental illness to receive appropriate treatment. The consequences of not providing adequate medication to treat mental illness are severe.

Your Committees amended this measure by:

- (1) Repealing the requirement that a licensed physician consult with a psychiatrist before prescribing a psychotropic medication;



- (2) Amending the reporting date to 2008, allowing the department of human services an additional year to report its findings to the legislature; and
- (3) Repealing the sunset date.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3224, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3224, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Human
Services,

Suzanne Chun Oakland

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair


Rosalyn H Baker

ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



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

Measure:* SB 3224	Committee Referral: HTH/HMS, WAM	Date: 2/10/06		
<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	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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Measure:* SB 3224	Committee Referral: HTH/HMS, WAM	Date: 02/08/06		
<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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L.				✓
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	✓			
TRIMBLE, Gordon				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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