

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3224
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 3224, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow individuals who participate in all Hawaii Medicaid medical plans to have open access to mental health medications.

Specifically, this bill removes the requirement to consult with a psychiatrist for a recipient's access to psychotropic medication. Furthermore, this bill applies to all Hawaii Medicaid medical plans the:

- (1) Prohibition against restrictions to access to psychotropic medication; and
- (2) Exemption from the need for pre-authorization for access to psychotropic medication.

Upon further consideration, your Committee has amended this bill by making several technical amendments to clarify that the intent of the bill is to extend the benefits of access to psychotropic medication to all Hawaii Medicaid medical plans.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B.



No. 3224, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass
Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3224,
S.D. 2.


Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Ways and Means
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* SB 3224 SD1	Committee Referral: HTH/HMS, WAM	Date: 2/24/06		
<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
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
HOOSER, Gary L.				/
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
KANNO, Brian				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
SAKAMOTO, Norman				/
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
SLOM, Sam			/	
TRIMBLE, Gordon			/	
TOTAL	8	0	2	5
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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