

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3273
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 Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, to which
was referred S.B. No. 3273, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow certified substance
abuse counselors to provide assessments under the Department of
Education's zero tolerance policy.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Hina Mauka, the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, and one
individual. Comments in support of the intent of this measure
were received from the Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA).
Comments supporting a change involving a screening tool to
determine any further need for substance abuse assessment were
received from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that the measure should be further
amended using HMSA's suggested changes to allow facilities that
provide substance abuse services to be reimbursed for assessments
performed in schools by the Certified Substance Abuse Counselors
they employ.

Your Committee has amended this measure by incorporating the
changes submitted by HMSA, and by making technical, nonsubstantive
amendments.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3273, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3273, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Hawaiian Affairs,



COLLEEN HANABUSA, Chair



