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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HOUSING

Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, April 10, 2006
TIME: 8:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 016
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

SCR 113

Proposed SD1: 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 IN FEDERALLY DESIGNATED MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AREAS OR IN MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS. CPH

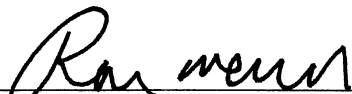
Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Ron Menor
Chair



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 LOCATED IN FEDERALLY DESIGNATED MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AREAS OR IN MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS.

1 WHEREAS, it has been stated by proponents of legislation
2 proposing to confer prescriptive authority on clinical
3 psychologists that there are not enough psychiatrists available
4 to serve patients at federally qualified health centers in the
5 State; and

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7 WHEREAS, at the same time, there appear to be certain
8 barriers to the hiring of psychiatrists at these federally
9 qualified health centers; and

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11 WHEREAS, it has been suggested by proponents of legislation
12 proposing to confer prescriptive authority on clinical
13 psychologists that, under certain conditions relating to
14 obtaining appropriate education, training, and experience,
15 clinical psychologists may be able to prescribe medications; and

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17 WHEREAS, this view is strongly contradicted by those who
18 believe that prescriptive authority to treat mental illness
19 carries with it many inherent dangers to the health, safety, and
20 well being of the public if that prescriptive authority is not
21 retained and exercised only by medically trained and qualified
22 psychiatrists; and

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24 WHEREAS, these competing views need to be carefully
25 examined; and

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1 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the health, safety, and
2 well-being of the State to examine the pros and cons of the
3 debate regarding the appropriateness of conferring prescriptive
4 authority on clinical psychologists to treat mental illness in
5 the State; now, therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
9 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislative
10 Reference Bureau is requested to study the issue of authorizing
11 psychologists, who have obtained the appropriate education,
12 training, and experience, to prescribe a limited formulary of
13 psychotropic medications for the treatment of mental illness,
14 while practicing in federally qualified health centers or
15 licensed health clinics located in federally designated
16 medically underserved areas or in mental health professional
17 shortage areas; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
20 Bureau is requested to include in its study:

- 21 (1) A comparison of requisite educational requirements of
- 22 psychologists versus psychiatrists for prescriptive
- 23 authority;
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- 25 (2) Trends in other states concerning conferring limited
- 26 prescriptive authority on certain psychologists;
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- 28 (3) A review of the arguments in support and in opposition
- 29 to the conferring of limited prescriptive authority to
- 30 certain psychologists;
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- 32 (4) An review and description of barriers or obstacles, if
- 33 any, to the hiring of psychiatrists at federally
- 34 qualified health centers, such as the number of
- 35 positions available, the funding available, and
- 36 possible solutions to removing such barriers; and
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- 38 (5) A review of the program operated by the United States
- 39 Department of Defense authorizing certain
- 40 psychologists to prescribe a limited formulary of
- 41 psychotropic medications, including a review of any
- 42 evaluations for the program or statistics that might
- 43 be available; and
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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
3 Bureau is requested to report its findings and recommendations
4 to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the
5 convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
9 Legislative Reference Bureau, the Chairperson of the Board of
10 Psychology, the Chairperson of the Board of Medical Examiners,
11 and the Director of Health.

