

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1004

S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1004
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PSYCHOLOGISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that individuals
living in rural areas of the State have access to appropriate
mental health care services.

The measure attempts to accomplish this purpose by
authorizing appropriately trained and supervised licensed medical
psychologists to prescribe psychotropic medications for the
treatment of mental illness.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawai'i Psychological Association; the American
Psychological Association; Hawaii Medical Service Association;
Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Na Pu'uwai; Papa Ola Lokahi;
Ho'ōla Lāhui Hawai'i; West Hawaii Community Health Center, Inc.;
Moloka'i Community Health Center; Waianae Coast Comprehensive
Health Center; Hamakua Health Center; Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead
Association; the Community Clinic of Maui; Waikiki Health Center;
and thirty-four individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this
measure from the Department of Health; the Board of Medical
Examiners; the Board of Psychology; Hawaii Psychiatric Medical



Association, National Alliance on Mental Illness; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Koolauloa Community Health and Wellness Center; Hawai'i Forensics Association, LLC.; and forty-six individuals.

Your Committee finds that allowing appropriately licensed and trained psychologists to prescribe psychotropic medications will address the urgent need for timely, appropriate, and cost-effective mental health and pharmacological services for an underserved population. Your Committee finds that the federally qualified health centers are most in need of psychologists with prescriptive authority and would achieve the largest impact for individuals in need of these services.

Your Committee further finds that the adequacy of training for psychologists to prescribe medications is a recurring concern that should be addressed in further discussions.

Your Committee amended this measure by:

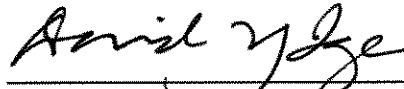
- (1) Requiring psychologists holding conditional prescription certificates to be employed by and to practice the prescribing authority at a federally qualified health center;
- (2) Removing the language allowing psychologists to order and review laboratory tests, as this should be under the supervision of a physician;
- (3) Clarifying that psychologists holding prescriptive certificates shall be under the supervision of a physician either directly or through telecommunications;
- (4) Changing the effective date to continue the dialogue on this measure; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 1004, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1004, S.D. 1, and



be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing.

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



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1004	HTH, CPH	2/14/07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<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	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
MENOR, Ron		✓		
WHALEN, Paul			✓	
TOTAL	3	1	1	
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Carol Fukunaga</i>				
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