

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1004
S.D. 2

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and
Affordable Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 1004, S.D. 1,
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 by authorizing appropriately trained
and supervised psychologists to prescribe psychotropic medications
for the treatment of mental illness.

Written comments in support of this measure were submitted by
the American Psychological Association; the Hawai'i Psychological
Association; the Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Waianae Coast
Comprehensive Health Center; Moloka'i Community Health Center; the
Board Members of the West Hawaii Community Health Center; Hamakua
Health Center; Na Pu'uwai Native Hawaiian Health Care System;
Community Clinic of Maui; Papa Ola Lokahi; Waikiki Health Center;
Kokua Kalihi Valley; Ho'ōla Lāhui Hawai'i; West Hawaii Community
Health Center, Inc.; Mental Health America of Hawaii; and thirty-
one individuals.

Written comments in opposition of this measure were submitted
by the Board of Medical Examiners, the Hawaii Psychiatric Medical
Association, the Hawai'i Society of Addiction Medicine, the Hawaii



Medical Association, the National Alliance of Mental Illness, and fifty-three individuals.

Written comments were submitted by the Board of Psychologists.

Your Committee finds that there is limited access to mental health care treatment services for those living in the rural areas of the State.

Your Committee further finds that the delivery of comprehensive, accessible, and affordable mental health care may be enhanced by providing trained and supervised psychologists with limited prescriptive authority for the specific purpose of providing care in federally qualified health centers or other licensed health clinics located in federally designated medically underserved areas. This measure will address the urgent need for timely, appropriate, and cost-effective mental health and pharmacological services for qualified health centers that are most in need of psychologists with prescriptive authority.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting the definitions of "collaborative relationship" and "medical psychologist" since the context in which these terms are used make their defining unnecessary. Your Committee has also made technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of style and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1004, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1004, S.D. 2.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Affordable
Housing,

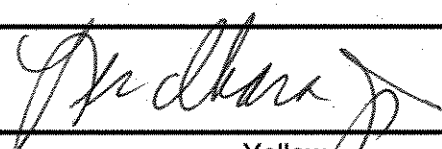


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing
CPH

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1004 SDI	Committee Referral: HTH, CPH	Date: 2-23-07		
<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
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
IGE, David Y. (VC)				✓
ESPERO, Will		✓		
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SAKAMOTO, Norman				✓
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	2	1	1	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes