

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 26, 2007

RE: S.B. No. 667  
S.D. 3  
H.D. 2  
C.D. 1

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

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Madam and Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 667, S.D. 3, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that residents of this State have access to appropriate mental health services by licensed mental health counselors and to enable qualified mental health counselor applicants to obtain licensure.

Specifically, this bill provides for the licensing of qualified mental health services providers by:

- (1) Allowing alternative experience for the practicum intern and post-graduate experience required for mental health counselor licensure, for applicants who graduated from an



accredited educational institution before July 1, 2007;  
and

- (2) Clarifying that the requirement that clinical supervisors hold certain licenses does not apply to the practicum intern and post-graduate experience supervision requirements for applicants graduating from an accredited educational institution prior to July 1, 2007.

Your Committee on Conference amended this bill by changing the delayed effective date to July 1, 2007.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 667, S.D. 3, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 667, S.D. 3, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



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