

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

789

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2007

RE: S.B. No. 914
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 914, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES OF COMMITTED PERSONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to improve the mental health care system for committed persons in state-operated correctional facilities.

Your Committee received comments supporting the measure from a concerned citizen.

This measure also requires the Department to report to the Legislature by November 1, 2007, with a detailed mental health plan that addresses the following:

- (1) An assessment of the Department's existing resources and staffing that is in place, additional resources and staffing needed to come up to standard, and the Department's needs to keep up with future demands;
- (2) The use of alternative services, such as the use of telemedicine to provide mental health services to incarcerated offenders;
- (3) The completion of a departmental training and policy manual;



- (4) An appropriate updated record keeping system;
- (5) An update on the feasibility study initiated by the Departments of Health and Public Safety regarding the expansion of the Hawaii State Hospital to include an offender wing to adequately treat mental health patients who are incarcerated; and
- (6) Any other suggestions or ideas to improve mental health services to incarcerated individuals and to comply with local, state, and federal laws and mandates.

Your Committee believes that this measure is necessary to improve the mental health care system for committed persons in state-operated correctional facilities.

Your Committee has amended this measure to change the \$500,000 appropriated amount to an unspecified amount for the purpose of facilitating further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 914, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 914, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 914 SD1	PBS, WAM	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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado				/
MENOR, Ron	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
WHALEN, Paul				/
TOTAL	7	0	0	4
Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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