

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 728

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1534
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1534
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR COVERAGE OF
CERTIFIED SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the
Department of Health, for a pilot program to be administered
through the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, to provide
substance abuse counseling and behavior health services to the
homeless and uninsured on the Waianae Coast.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the measure
from the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center and a concerned
citizen. Testimony in opposition was received from the Department
of Health.


Your Committee finds that the Waianae Coast Comprehensive
Health Center has identified an outpatient substance abuse
treatment provider who will provide non-residential specialized
services on a scheduled basis for individuals with substance abuse
problems. The provider began its operations in 1994 and has
experience in providing substance abuse treatment services. Your
Committee further finds that funds are needed to ensure that the
pilot program will be successfully administered under the
comprehensive primary care services contract with the Waianae
Coast Comprehensive Health Center.



Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting the sum of \$65,000 for the appropriation.

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 H.B. No. 1534, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1534, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



