

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 214

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. 214  
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the requirements for  
mental health counselor licensure by establishing that those  
persons who applied to the department after July 1, 2005, and  
graduated from an accredited program before July 1, 2007, may be  
eligible for licensure.

Hawaii Rehabilitation Counseling Association, Alliance for  
Professional Counselor Licensure, Sestak Rehabilitation Services,  
several faculty members of Chaminade University of Honolulu, and  
several concerned individuals supported this bill. The Department  
of Commerce and Consumer Affairs opposed this measure.

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. 214  
and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the  
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



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JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



