

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 5, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2569
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2569
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to encourage shared efforts
between primary care physicians and psychiatrists to help
psychiatric patients receive more effective treatment by
establishing a psychiatric health services pilot project to
introduce an integrated behavioral model at the Bay Clinic, West
Hawaii Community Health Center, and other federally qualified
community health centers on the island of Hawaii to enable:

- (1) Psychiatrists to collaborate with primary care
physicians; and
- (2) A mental health team to provide patients with necessary
mental health care.

The Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association, Psychiatric
Access Collaboration, Hawaii Centers for Independent Living,
Hawaii Primary Care Association, Bay Clinic, Inc., NAMI Hawaii,
and several concerned individuals supported this bill. The
Department of Health submitted comments.



Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$300,000;
- (2) Ensuring that this bill will not duplicate any projects created by H.B. No. 3146 if that bill becomes law; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2569, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2569, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

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JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



