

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 7, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 3148

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. 3148
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDITIONAL RELEASE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to maximize the use of limited
bed spaces and resources at Hawaii State Hospital by providing
treatment and review options for individuals on conditional
release who may require further hospitalization.

The Department of Health, Judiciary, and Hawaii Psychiatric
Medical Association testified in support of this bill.

Currently, when there is evidence that additional
hospitalization is required of committed individuals on
conditional release, the common practice is a revocation of the
conditional release. The problem is that this requires the
commitment of the individual for a minimum of 90 days. This bill
clarifies the use of a shorter 72-hour hold of the individual in
lieu of a revocation, by providing that for a conditionally
released individual under a 72-hour hold, a court may conduct a
hearing to determine whether the individual would benefit from
further temporary hospitalization for a period of up to 90 days,
subject to an extension.

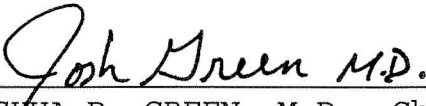
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your
Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No.

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3148 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



