

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1456
H.D. 2
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 Commerce, Consumer Protection, and
Affordable Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 1456, H.D. 2,
S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PSYCHOLOGISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that individuals
living in rural areas of the State have access to appropriate
mental health care services by authorizing appropriately trained
and supervised psychologists to prescribe psychotropic medications
for the treatment of mental illness.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this
measure from the American Psychological Association, the Hawai'i
Psychological Association, the Hawaii Medical Service Association,
the Hawai'i Primary Care Association, the Executive Director of the
West Hawaii Community Health Center, the Board of the West Hawaii
Community Health Center, Papa Ola Lokahi, Hamakua Health Center,
Ho'ola Lahui Hawai'i, the Waikiki Health Center, the Community
Clinic of Maui, Kokua Kalihi Valley, Molokai Community Health
Center, the Medical Director of the Waianae Coast Comprehensive
Health Center, and four individuals.

Written comments in opposition to this measure were received
from the Board of Medical Examiners, the Hawaii Psychiatric
Medical Association, the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, the O'ahu

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affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the Hawai'i Society of Addiction Medicine, and sixty individuals.

The Board of Psychology submitted written comments.

Your Committee finds that there is limited access to mental health care treatment services for those living in the rural areas of the State.

Your Committee further finds that the delivery of comprehensive, accessible, and affordable mental health care may be enhanced by providing trained and supervised psychologists with limited prescriptive authority for the specific purpose of providing care in federally qualified health centers. This measure will address the urgent need for timely, appropriate, and cost-effective mental health and pharmacological services for qualified health centers that are most in need of psychologists with prescriptive authority.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Placing the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs in charge of the advisory committee created by section 465-H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, rather than the Department of Health; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1456, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1456, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Affordable
Housing,



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>HB 1456 HD2, SD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HTH, CPH</i>	Date: <i>4/4/2007</i>		
<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
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
IGE, David Y. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will		✓		
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
SAKAMOTO, Norman				✓
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center;"><i>David Y Ige</i></div>				
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