

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1456
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1456 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE ADULT MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation to the Department of Health for the continued operation of the Adult Mental Health Division.

A mental health advocate and member of the federal government's Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration's Subcommittee on Consumer/Survivor Issues for the National Advisory Council submitted comments in support of the bill.

Your Committee finds that the Adult Mental Health Division cannot fully comply with its obligations because of a lack of funding.

Your Committee has amended the bill to:

- (1) Change the amount of the emergency appropriation to \$7,542,043; and
- (2) Comply with the requirements of section 9 of article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, by inserting a new section 5 which states that the appropriation in



this bill will cause the general fund expenditure ceiling to be exceeded by \$7,542,043, or an additional 0.141 per cent. As required by section 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the new section of this Act also sets forth the reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2006-2007.

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

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



