

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 238  
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 Human Services and Public Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 238 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the reimbursement rate for Medicaid and QUEST psychiatric services according to county population, and to appropriate funds for the reimbursement rate increase.

Hawaii Medical Service Association submitted testimony in support of this measure. Kahi Mohala Behavioral Health submitted testimony in support of the intent of this measure. The Department of Human Services submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that this measure will improve the provision of mental health care in Hawaii.

It is your Committee's intent that the appropriated funds will be given to the QUEST plans to increase the psychiatrists' reimbursement. Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a provision that ensures that health maintenance organizations and prepaid health plans will not be required to increase reimbursement rates for psychiatric services until the Department of Human Services makes adjustments to the rate of payment per participating recipient amounts;



- (2) Changing the rate formula to a percentage of the Medicare rates; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 238, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 238, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

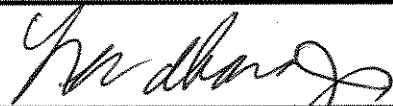
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Human Services and  
Public Housing,

  
SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Human Services and Public Housing**  
**HSP**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 238</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HSP, NAM</b>	Date: <b>2-13-07</b>		
<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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
SAKAMOTO, Norman	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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