

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3069
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 3069
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECORDS OF DEFENDANTS
COMMITTED TO A HOSPITAL CONTROLLED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
OR TO CUSTODY OF DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve the provision of
mental health services for defendants committed to a state mental
health facility.

Specifically, this measure requires the courts to provide the
Director of Health with the records of defendants either committed
to a hospital controlled by or to the custody of the Director of
Health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health and the Hawaii Government Employees
Association.

Your Committee finds that this measure will centralize and
streamline the Department of Health's efforts to collect
background information on defendants who are committed to the
state hospital for a forensic examination or to the Department's
custody when found unfit to stand trial or acquitted.



Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity, consistency, style, and to accurately reflect existing statutory language.

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 S.B. No. 3069, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3069, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



