

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 843

S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 843  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SENTENCING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow a court to order a  
mental or medical examination as needed in order to obtain  
sufficient information to render an appropriate sentencing  
provision for a defendant.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Attorney General, the State Judiciary, the City and  
County of Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, the  
County of Maui Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, and The  
Mestizo Association.

Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed  
on the Legislature's website.

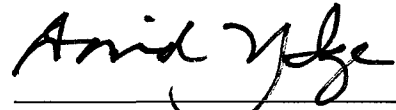
Your Committee finds that this measure restores a necessary  
statutory provision allowing for pre-sentence mental or medical  
examinations of defendants. Your Committee further finds that  
this measure will help to ensure that defendants are sentenced  
appropriately.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical,  
nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.



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. 843, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 843, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations.

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



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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



