

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 8, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2011
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2011
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVOLUNTARY PSYCHIATRIC
HOSPITALIZATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish new procedures
for the examination and involuntary hospitalization of persons who
meet the criteria for commitment to psychiatric facilities.

The Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses and several
individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department
of Health, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, Hawaii
Disability Rights Center, and an individual testified in
opposition to this measure. Several individuals commented on the
measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

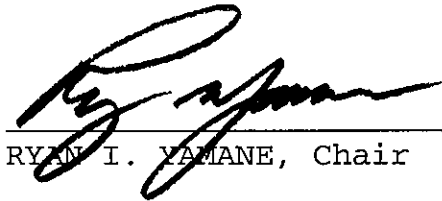
- (1) Removing substance abuse from the scope of this measure;
- (2) Specifying that a person may be given treatment in an
approved psychiatric facility for a period not to exceed
480 hours, rather than 20 days, upon the filing and
service of a certification for extended involuntary
emergency treatment;



- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments to correct redundancies, and for clarity, consistency, 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 H.B. No. 2011, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2011, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



