

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 220-12

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 9, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2406
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. 2406
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Health to convene a mental health and substance abuse parity working group to determine how the State can comply with federal mental health and substance abuse parity laws and regulations, and enhance existing state mental health parity laws.

The Hawaii Medical Service Association, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii, and several individuals testified in support of the measure. The Department of Health, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and Legislative Reference Bureau commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the working group shall work in conjunction with the Governor's Health Care Transformation Coordinator to accomplish the purposes of this measure;

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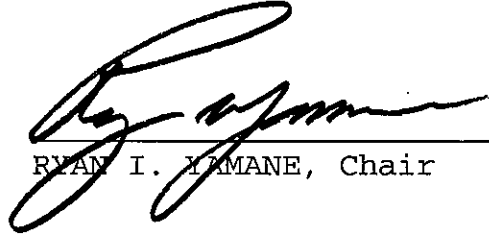


- (2) Retaining the number of members on the working group, but broadening references to the membership to reflect a representative from a mental health advocacy and support organization and a representative from a clinical service organization;
- (3) Giving the Department of Health Adult Mental Health Division more discretion in appointing an individual to the working group, rather than limiting the appointment to a psychiatrist;
- (4) Specifying that the working group's report to the Legislature shall include findings and recommendations on behavioral health systems with an emphasis on primary and secondary prevention and de-stigmatization of mental health and substance abuse issues;
- (5) Requiring the working group to submit a draft of any proposed legislation to the Legislative Reference Bureau no later than November 1, 2013;
- (6) Including an unspecified appropriation to the Department of Health for purposes of funding the working group created by this measure;
- (7) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; provided that the appropriation contained in section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2012, consistent with the beginning of the state's fiscal year; and
- (8) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments 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. 2406, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2406, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.



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



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: AB 2406	Committee Referral: HLT, CPC, FIN	Date: 2-3-2012		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	✓			
2. MORIKAWA, Dee (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
4. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
5. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
6. LEE, Chris	✓			
7. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
8. WOOLEY, Jessica	✓			
9. CHING, Corinne W.L.	✓			
10. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	✓			
TOTAL (10)	9			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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