

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1373-12

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 30, 2012

RE: H.C.R. No. 68

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.C.R. No. 68  
entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A  
WORKING GROUP TO DETERMINE STATE COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL  
PAUL WELLSTONE AND PETE DOMENICI MENTAL HEALTH PARITY AND  
ADDICTION EQUITY ACT OF 2008 AND ENHANCE EXISTING STATE  
PARITY LAWS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of  
Health to convene a working group to determine State compliance  
with the federal Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health  
Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 and enhance existing State  
parity laws.

The Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and  
Addiction Equity Act of 2008 is a federal law that establishes  
requirements to make insurance coverage for mental health  
conditions and substance use disorders comparable to insurance  
coverage for other medical conditions.


Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition and United Self Help  
testified in support of this measure. The Department of Health  
testified in support of the intent of this measure, provided that  
implementation of the measure does not impact or replace its  
priorities in the Executive Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year  
2012-2013.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 68 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

  
for \_\_\_\_\_  
RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Health**

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 68	Committee Referral: HLT, CPC, FIN	Date: 3/27/12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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				/
<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	7			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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