

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1599

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 201
H.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 201, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND THE HAWAII PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION TO DEVELOP DRAFT LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING, IMPLEMENTING, AND MONITORING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL LICENSED PSYCHOLOGISTS IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Hawaii Psychological Association to develop draft legislation establishing, implementing, and monitoring continuing education requirements for all licensed psychologists in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Board of Psychology; Hawai'i Psychological Association; National Association of Social Workers, Hawai'i Chapter; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

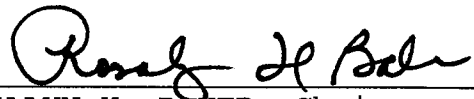
Your Committee finds that the field of psychology is constantly transforming and developing. In an age of ever-growing accountability, psychologists have an obligation to consumers and fellow psychologists to be current with the knowledge in their field and any applicable specialties.



Your Committee further finds that Hawaii is one of only six states that do not require continuing education requirements for psychologists. Mandating continuing education for licensed psychologists is an essential way to promote client and patient safety and support the valuable role psychologists play in the health care system, by requiring licensed psychologists to keep abreast of new knowledge, skills, and relevant information.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 201, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce and
Consumer Protection,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



