

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1190

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 22, 2013

RE: S.B. No. 44
S.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred S.B. No. 44, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist the mental health community. Specifically, this measure, among other things:

- (1) Adds the definition of "law enforcement officer" to Chapter 334, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), relating to mental health, mental illness, drug addiction, and alcoholism;
- (2) Changes references of "police officer" to "law enforcement officer" in sections of the HRS relating to emergency hospital admission and involuntary hospitalization; and
- (3) Authorizes advanced practice registered nurses to assess whether there is probable cause to believe a person is mentally ill, suffering from substance abuse, imminently dangerous to self or others, gravely disabled, or obviously ill, and in need of care or treatment, or both.



