

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 28, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1723  
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1723, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PSYCHIATRIC FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the notice requirements for the discharge of patients involuntarily committed pursuant to a civil or criminal proceeding under chapters 704 and 706, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (2) Where there is objection to discharge by an authorized person, require the Family Court to conduct a timely hearing prior to the termination of a standing commitment order.

The Department of Health; The Queen's Health Systems; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME, Local 152, AFL-CIO; and one concerned individual testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making the effective date January 1, 2100.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1723, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1723, H.D. 2.

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



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



