

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2732

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2014

RE: S.B. No. 3095
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 3095 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to ensure the safety and well-being of workers and patients at the Hawaii State Hospital.

Specifically, this measure requires the designation of a portion of the Hawaii State Hospital as a forensic facility and appropriates moneys to the Department of Health for any necessary expenses resulting from the designation.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety, the Hawaii Government Employees Association, and one individual. The Department of Health and the Hawaii Disability Rights Center submitted written comments on the measure.

Your Committee finds that there are legitimate concerns about the safety of workers and patients at the Hawaii State Hospital, due in large part to a change in patient demographics resulting from court-ordered forensic admissions. Your Committee further finds that designating a portion of the Hawaii State Hospital as a forensic facility would allow the hospital to provide forensic patients with mental health treatment services in an appropriate environment that includes higher security features.

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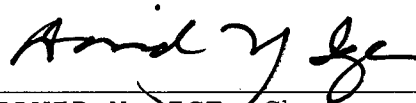


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3095, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3095, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 3095	HTH/JDL, WAM	2-25-14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert				✓
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam		✓		
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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