

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2242

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2007  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,  
to which was referred S.B. No. 2007 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL  
HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the  
membership and quorum and voting requirements of the State Council  
on Mental Health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Health; Department of Health, Adult Mental  
Health Division; and State Council on Mental Health.

Your Committee finds that the State Council on Mental Health  
has had a difficult time in meeting quorum requirements. When the  
State Council on Mental Health does have quorum, however, members  
are often rushed to approve business that has been on the agenda  
for several months and are unable to respond to mental health  
concerns in a timely manner. This measure would ensure that  
assigned duties of members could be completed in a timely manner  
and that the Council may better serve and advocate for the  
children and adults living with mental illness.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Specifying that the State Council on Mental Health shall be established within the Department of Health for administrative purposes; and
- (2) Inserting a reference to part I of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as an exception to the general rule that an affirmative vote by a majority of members present is sufficient for the State Council on Mental Health to act.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2007, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2007, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



