

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 8, 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2333
S.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2333, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce ambiguity with respect to the regulation of marriage and family therapists by:

- (1) Replacing the term "marriage and family therapist" with "licensed marriage and family therapist" throughout the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS); and
- (2) Defining "licensed marriage and family therapist" as a person licensed in marriage and family therapy practice pursuant to chapter 451J, HRS.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' Professional and Vocational Licensing Division and many individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' Regulated Industries Complaints Office commented on this measure.

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 S.B. No. 2333, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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


KARL R. ROADS, Chair



