

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

806

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 554

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 554 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORDERS FOR TREATMENT OVER
OBJECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide psychiatric treatment, pursuant to an administrative order, to a patient in a psychiatric facility despite the patient's refusal to be treated.

The Department of Public Safety, Department of Health, and The Queen's Health Systems testified in support of the measure. The Hawaii Disability Rights Center provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Establishing the criteria for medical treatment for a patient who refuses treatment;
- (2) Establishing the framework for the administrative process to obtain administrative authorization for medical treatment for a patient who refuses treatment;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and

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- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 554, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 554, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, Chair



