

SB203

Measure Title: RELATING TO STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH.

Report Title: State Council on Mental Health; Quorum; Membership

Description: Amends the membership of the State Council on Mental Health, defines quorum for the Council, and specifies number of votes required to constitute valid acts of the Council. Designates the State Council on Mental Health within the department of health for administrative purposes.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: CPH

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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB203
RELATING TO STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH

Hearing Date: February 22, 2017, 9:00 a.m. Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The purpose of the measure is to amend the principal state
3 agencies representatives on the State Council on Mental Health, also known as the
4 Council, to establish itself within the Department of Health (DOH) for administrative
5 purposes, and to redefine quorum. As specified in Section 334-10, Hawaii Revised
6 Statutes, the principal state agencies representatives on the Council are: mental health,
7 education, vocational rehabilitation, criminal justice, housing and social services. Since
8 social services is under the Department of Human Services and represents the Child
9 Welfare Services, which provides the Council with perspectives on systems change for
10 children with mental illness, it is also important to add the Medicaid agency which
11 provides services to many of our adult consumers living with mental illness. The
12 passing of this measure will allow the Council to gain the Medicaid agency's knowledge
13 and expertise on issues and trends that influence the direction in which the mental
14 health field is headed in the State of Hawaii.

1 The re-definition of quorum will enable the Council to conduct business based on
2 the number of currently appointed members and not based on the number of vacancies.
3 For example, the Council did not meet twice in FY2017, and therefore, could not
4 discuss pending legislation.

5 We thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of this body of
6 volunteers, who give their time and effort in supporting consumers living with mental
7 illness in our State.

8 **Offered Amendments:**

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Comments: I fully support this bill.

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Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara and Senators Kidani, Chang, Espero, Ihara and Ruderman,

I strongly support SB 203 and the opportunity it would create in supporting the State Council on Mental Health in consistently conducting meetings, identifying strategic planning issues, addressing various statewide Mental Health concerns and actively engaging community members in collectively improving access to care in Hawai'i.

Mahalo,
Cindi Dang, Psy. D.