

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 10, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 767
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 Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 767
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR
CERTAIN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand access for Hawaii
residents to the full range of mental health treatments and
services by authorizing qualified clinical psychologists who meet
specified education and training requirements to prescribe
psychotropic medications from a limited formulary and under a
collaborative agreement with each patient's treating primary care
provider or psychiatrist.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii State Center for Nursing, Hawaii Medical Service
Association, Mental Health America of Hawaii, Big Island Substance
Abuse Council, Hawaii Catholic Conference, Hawaii Psychological
Association, PHOCUSED, The CHOW Project, American Organization of
Nurse Executives Hawaii, Academy of Medical Psychology, and many
individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to
this measure from Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, Hawaii Medical
Association, Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association, American
Psychiatric Association, Psychologists Opposed to Prescription
Privileges for Psychologists, and many individuals. The
Department of Health, Board of Psychology, and an individual
submitted comments.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying requirements for the collaborative agreement between a prescribing psychologist and the patient's primary care provider or psychiatrist, including limitations on prescriptive authority and specific protocols for prescribing to vulnerable patient populations;
- (2) Increasing the minimum clinical experience requirement for prescriptive authority privileges from 400 hours completed within a 48 month period to 800 hours completed within a 56 month period;
- (3) Requiring a patient's treating primary care provider or psychiatrist who is party to a collaborative agreement with a prescribing psychologist to review all medication orders at least once per month and to review any laboratory or other tests as they become available;
- (4) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2090, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 767, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 767, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



