

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **557**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 02 2017**

RE: S.B. No. 203

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,  
to which was referred S.B. No. 203 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:

- (1) Establish specific membership, quorum, and voting requirements for the State Council on Mental Health; and
- (2) Establish the State Council on Mental Health within the Department of Health for administrative purposes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

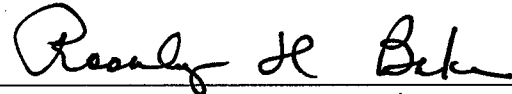
Your Committee finds that the State Council on Mental Health supports persons in the community who live with mental illness. Your Committee further finds that the Council must be able to deliberate and make decisions on issues affecting the mentally ill community. According to the Department of Health, the Council did not meet twice during fiscal year 2017 and, therefore, was unable to discuss pending legislation. Your Committee finds that defining quorum based on the number of currently appointed members



present immediately before a meeting instead of based on the number of members to which the board is entitled will better enable the Council to meet quorum requirements and ultimately fulfill its purpose of advocating for adults with serious mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbances, other individuals with mental illness or emotional problems, and individuals with combined mental illness and substance abuse disorders.

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. 203 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**  
**CPH**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB203</i>	Committee Referral: <i>CPH</i>	Date: <i>2/22/17</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les		/		
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i>				
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