

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 , 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2647
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Intrastate Commerce, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2647, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide an applicant for
mental health counselor licensure with more flexibility in
completing the required practicum experience hours by permitting
the completion of the requisite number of practicum experience
hours within two academic terms instead of requiring a minimum
number of practicum experience hours per academic term.

The Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Case Management Works
Hi. Inc.; Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the
Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and several concerned individuals
supported this measure. The Maui Service Area Board on Mental
Health and Substance Abuse of the Department of Health opposed
this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical,
nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Intrastate Commerce that is attached to this report,



your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2647, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2647, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Intrastate
Commerce,



TAKASHI OHNO, Chair



