

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

146

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 7, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1597
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1597
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the
Department of Health for the establishment of a long-term care
facility that admits and treats non-forensic mental health
patients for in-patient or out-patient temporary case management
with priority given to homeless patients.

Hawai'i Pacific Health, The Queen's Health Systems, The
Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Mental Health Kokua, O'ahu County
Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of
Hawai'i, and several concerned individuals supported this measure.
The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, Department of Health,
and Hawaii Disability Rights Center provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the funds are to be used for the
assessment, planning, and design of the long-term care
facility;
- (2) Removing the priority for homeless patients;

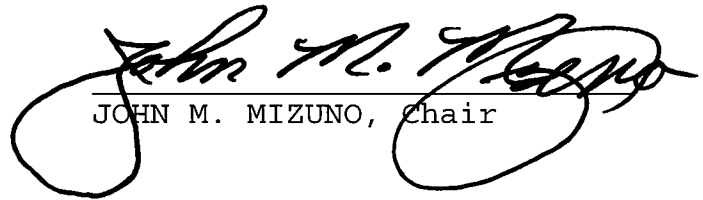
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- (3) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount; and
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

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. 1597, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1597, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



