

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 674

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred S.B. No. 674 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GENDER IDENTITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit persons
licensed to provide professional counseling from advertising or
engaging in gender identity change efforts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health, Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission,
Hawai'i Psychological Association, Hawai'i Health and Harm
Reduction Center, Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii,
LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Mental Health
America of Hawai'i, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative
Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and fifteen
individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to
this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from one individual.


Your Committee finds that conversion therapy is an odious
practice that can result in substantial harm to transgender and
LGBTQ+ persons, and there is broad consensus among medical,
psychiatric, and health professionals on the dangers of this form
of intervention. The potential risks of "reparative therapy"
include depression, anxiety, and self-destructive behavior. A
therapist aligned with societal prejudices against homosexuality



may reinforce self-hatred already experienced by the patient. Your Committee notes that this measure is a housekeeping measure that is the product of a task force led by the Adolescent Mental Health Division of the Department of Health and makes it clear that the ban on these destructive procedures applies equally to efforts to change the sexual orientation of lesbian, gay, or bisexual minors and efforts to change the gender identity of transgender minors.

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. 674 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 674	CPH, JDC	2/12/19		
<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)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
KEOHOKALOOLE, Jarrett	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5			2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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