

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1701

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2019

RE: S.R. No. 75

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.R. No. 75 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION DECLARING JUNE 27 OF EACH YEAR AS POST-  
TRAUMATIC STRESS INJURY AWARENESS DAY AND DESIGNATING THE  
MONTH OF JUNE OF EACH YEAR AS POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS INJURY  
AWARENESS MONTH IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to declare June 27  
of each year as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day and  
designate the month of June of each year as Post-Traumatic Stress  
Injury Awareness Month in Hawaii.

Your Committee did not receive any testimony on this measure.

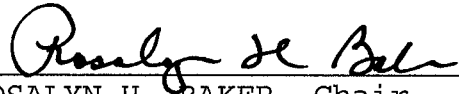
Your Committee finds that post-traumatic stress disorder was  
first recognized by the American Psychiatric Association in 1980  
to more accurately understand and treat veterans who had endured  
severe operational combat stress. However, post-traumatic stress  
is not limited to veterans and can occur following any extreme  
traumatic event including interpersonal violence, life-threatening  
accidents, or natural disaster. Severe post-traumatic stress is a  
very common and treatable injury to the brain, and timely  
treatment can diminish complications and prevent suicides among  
those affected by it. However, this type of trauma has  
historically been cast as a mental illness rather than as an  
injury, which can discourage those affected from seeking proper



and timely medical treatment. Your Committee further finds that de-stigmatizing this condition by emphasizing that it is an injury and not a disorder and raising awareness of the symptoms and treatability of post-traumatic stress injury may encourage more people to seek timely medical treatment.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 75 and recommends its adoption.


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  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SR 75	CPH	3/21/19		
<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	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	6			1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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