

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 7, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1448  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services & Homelessness,  
to which was referred H.B. No. 1448 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a working group to evaluate current system gaps in behavioral health care and related systems, and determine steps that may be taken by the State to promote effective integration of behavioral health care and related systems to address the negative impacts of substance abuse, mental health conditions, and homelessness.

The Department of Health, Department of Human Services, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and a few individuals testified in support of this measure. The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness provided comments.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Including a representative of the Interagency Council on Homelessness as a member of the working group;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to promote further discussion; and



- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees encourage the Department of Health to explore additional sources of funding, including federal funds, for this study. Your Committees also note a need for greater representation from the counties and urges the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce to take up this issue.


As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services & Homelessness that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1448, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1448, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Health and Human  
Services & Homelessness,



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JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



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JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 1448</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HLT/HSH, CPC, FIN</i>	Date: <i>2-6-19</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)	/			
2. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
4. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	/			
5. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	/			
6. SAY, Calvin K.Y.				/
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				/
8. WARD, Gene	/			
<b>TOTAL (8)</b>	<i>6</i>			<i>2</i>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>By: Kofone</i>				
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