

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2984

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2505
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2505, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to improve the admission process and care access for patients who are involuntarily hospitalized.

More specifically, the measure requires and appropriates funds for the Department of Health to repurpose unused state facilities to provide short-term residential beds to allow the stabilization, triage, and assessment of patients in need of services for mental health conditions, substance use, or homelessness.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, Department of Health, Hawaii County Council, Emergency Services Department for the City and County of Honolulu, Mayor's Office for the County of Hawaii, Hawaii State Rural Health Association, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Democratic Party of Hawaii, HOPE Services Hawaii, Catholic Charities Hawaii, The Queen's Health Systems, Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center, Partners in Care, and numerous individuals.



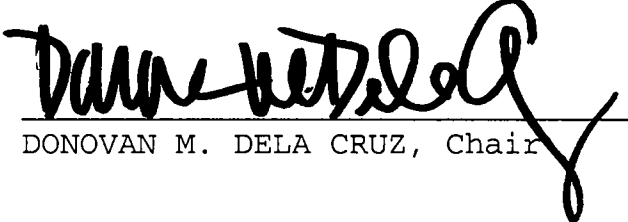
Your Committee finds that the State's lack of short-term stabilization services creates additional burdens for emergency departments, law enforcement, and individuals having behavioral or mental health conditions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2505, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2505, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				X
HARIMOTO, Breene				X
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				X
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				X
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				X
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				X
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	7			6

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:



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