

Honolulu, Hawaii

JUL 01 , 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2877  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2877, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the qualifications for licensure as a mental health counselor in the State by:

- (1) Clarifying that the practicum internship experience requirement is part of the course work in counseling requirement, rather than a standalone requirement;
- (2) Clarifying that the supervised mental health practicum intern experience requirement is a total of three hundred hours of supervised client contact across two academic terms; and
- (3) Permitting applicants to fulfill their face-to-face clinical supervision requirement, in whole or in part, through a videoconference service.

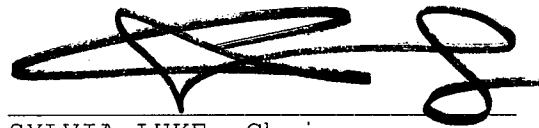
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Democratic Party of Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on



this measure from the University of Hawaii at Hilo and three individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2877, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

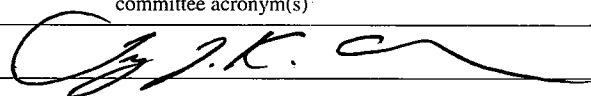
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Finance,

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SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2877, SD1, HD2	Committee Referral: IAC, CPC, FIN	Date: 6/29/2020		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
<b>FIN Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	✓			
2. CULLEN, Ty J.K. (VC)	✓			
3. ELI, Stacelynn K.M.	✓			
4. GATES, Cedric Asuega	✓			
5. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
6. HOLT, Daniel	✓			
7. KITAGAWA, Lisa	✓			
8. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
9. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.				✓
10. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	✓			
11. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
12. TODD, Chris	✓			
13. WILDBERGER, Tina	✓			
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
15. McDERMOTT, Bob		✓		
TOTAL (15)	13	1	<del>0</del>	1
The recommendation is:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)			
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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