

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3128**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2020

RE: S.B. No. 3075
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 3075, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PSYCHOLOGISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Board of Psychology to establish a pilot program to grant prescriptive authority to certain qualified clinical psychologists practicing in counties with populations of less than one hundred thousand persons, licensed in the State before January 1, 2020, and who meet specific education, training, and registration requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Mayor of Kauai and seven individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawai'i Psychiatric Medical Association and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Psychology.

Your Committee finds that there is a significant shortage of prescribing mental health care providers available to serve the needs of the State's residents. This lack of access to appropriate mental health treatment has serious and irrevocable consequences for many Hawaii residents. Your Committee further finds that authorizing qualified clinical psychologists with



appropriate advanced training to prescribe from a limited formulary of psychotropic medication will benefit Hawaii residents who live in rural or medically underserved communities, where mental health professionals with prescriptive authority are in short supply.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3075, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC**

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 3075 SD1	Committee Referral: CPH, JDC	Date: 2/25/2020		
<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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	/			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	/			
GABBARD, Mike				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes