

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2467
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2467
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require that one
annual mental health screening be included in health insurance
coverage for diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Stonewall
Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaii Medical Service
Association, Hawai'i Public Health Institute, and one individual.
Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that mental health care is a critical
tool in addressing chronic disease. Although mental health has
conventionally been approached as separate and secondary to
physical health, studies have shown that mental illness is
integral to overall health and has been linked to chronic diseases
such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and cancer. Covering
annual mental health screenings will help to normalize routine
mental health check-ups, reduce stigma around mental health and
mental illness, increase access to care, and encourage earlier

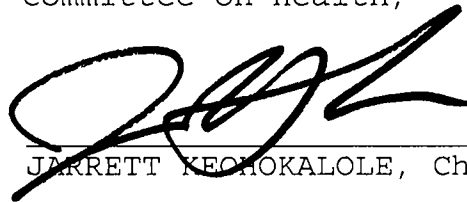


detection and treatment of mental illness, which could reduce the prevalence of chronic disease.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2467, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2467, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

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



JARRETT KEONOKALOLE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First 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 |
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| KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C) | ✓ | | | |
| BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. | ✓ | | | |
| SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. | ✓ | | | |
| FEVELLA, Kurt | ✓ | | | |
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:
Rosalyn H. Baker

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