

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2735
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. 2735
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS
STABILIZATION BEDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate
funds to the Adult Mental Health Division of the Department of
Health to support increased behavioral health crisis stabilization
beds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health, Judiciary, Hawaii Disability Rights
Center, Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center, Hawai'i Primary
Care Association, Hawai'i Psychological Association, Hawaii
Substance Abuse Coalition, Partners in Care - Oahu Continuum of
Care, Community Empowerment Resources, Prevent Suicide Hawai'i
Taskforce, and two individuals. Your Committee received comments
on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that there is a lack of short-term
behavioral health stabilization services throughout the State. As
a result, individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis seek
treatment at hospital emergency rooms and utilize a great amount
of health care resources only to gain short-term outcomes and
creating unnecessary burdens on emergency departments, law



enforcement, and individuals living with behavioral health issues. Studies have shown that the cost of crisis stabilization centers is significantly less than emergency rooms and psychiatric inpatient units. This measure appropriates funds to the Adult Mental Health Division of the Department of Health to support increased behavioral health crisis stabilization centers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a blank appropriation amount;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 2735, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2735, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

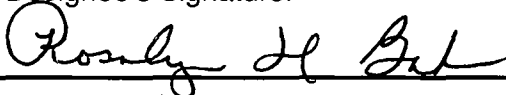


JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB2135	Committee Referral: HTH, NAM	Date: 2-7-2022		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	—	—	—
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