

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 , 2021

RE: S.B. No. 732  
S.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Legislative Management, to which was referred S.B. No. 732, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE NON-VIOLENT RESPONSE TEAM PILOT PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on the efficacy of the Hawaii CARES program administered by the Adult Mental Health Division of the Department of Health's Behavioral Health Administration and provide a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Young Progressives Demanding Action and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health, Legislative Reference Bureau, Hawai'i Psychological Association, and nine individuals.

Your Committee finds that the study proposed by this measure will evaluate the efficacy of the behavioral health services provided by the Hawaii CARES program. Your Committee further finds that it is in the State's interest to determine the status of the State's resources for non-violent responses to incidents

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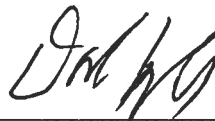


related to mental health, substance abuse, and suicide threats to prevent unnecessary duplication of services.

Your Committee notes that the intent of this measure is to ensure that those who initially respond to mental health crisis incidents have been appropriately trained and are appropriately equipped to provide non-violent responses to these incidents. Your Committee recognizes the work performed by the Behavioral Health Administration and its Senate counterparts on this measure to address mental health in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Legislative Management that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 732, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Legislative  
Management,



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DALE T. KOBAYASHI, Chair



