

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

435

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2021

RE: S.B. No. 905

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 905 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to ensure that the Hawaii State Council on Mental Health includes a member or members who have a background in native Hawaiian cultural concepts or practices relating to mental health.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, The Queen's Health Systems, Hawai'i Psychological Association, and two individuals.

Your Committees find that native Hawaiians experience mental health disparities that require culturally responsive solutions. Native Hawaiian keiki are over-represented as victims of abuse and neglect, and native Hawaiian youth experience higher rates of depression and drug use. Native Hawaiians are also less likely than other populations to seek help from the State's mental health services. Culturally sensitive treatment programs that are grounded in native Hawaiian healing and health practices have proven to be more successful when congruent with the client's values and beliefs. Requiring the Council to include members having educational, professional, or practical backgrounds in



native Hawaiian and indigenous health, transgenerational trauma, and traditional healing practices will help the State advance and develop culturally responsive policies and programs. Members that are trained in either Western or traditional knowledge or possess work experience involving native Hawaiian concepts of well-being, culturally grounded mental health methodologies, or traditional healing or health practices will allow for a unique understanding of native Hawaiians struggling with mental health challenges. These additions will assist the Council to ensure greater and more consistent opportunities for native Hawaiians and others to participate in culturally grounded programs and services that can foster positive mental health outcomes far more effectively than purely Western approaches.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 905 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Hawaiian Affairs
and Health,



JARRETT KEOHOKALO, Chair

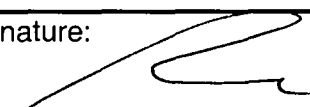


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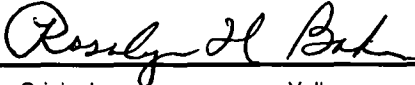
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)	X			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	X			
ACASIO, Laura		X		
IHARA, Jr., Les	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
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