

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3577

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31 2022

RE: S.C.R. No. 197
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.C.R.
No. 197 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH TO DEVELOP PROTOCOLS FOR HOSPITALS IN THE STATE TO
IMPROVE THE TREATMENT OF PATIENTS CONTEMPLATING SUICIDE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Department of Health to develop protocols for hospitals in the
State to improve the treatment of patients contemplating suicide.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this
measure from Kahi Mohala.

Your Committee finds that suicide is the second leading cause
of death among fifteen to thirty-four year olds and the tenth
leading cause of death overall in the United States. Your
Committee further finds that health care organizations have a
unique opportunity to help prevent suicide, since people at risk
of suicide are often seen in health care settings and the majority
of those who die by suicide were seen by a professional in the
year prior to their death, yet were not diagnosed with a mental
health disorder. Care for people with suicide risk is highly
variable, and gaps in care for individuals at risk of suicide
exist. A study to develop recommendations is needed to close



those gaps. This measure requests the Department of Health to develop protocols for hospitals in the State to improve the treatment of patients contemplating suicide.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting the Department of Health to develop protocols to improve the treatment of patients contemplating suicide in consultation with hospitals in the State, including Kahi Mohala; and
- (2) 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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 197, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 197, S.D. 1.

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



JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, 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
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	-	-	-

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

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

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