

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

703

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 1340  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Homelessness, to which was referred H.B. No. 1340 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Beneficial Treatments Advisory Council to review, evaluate, and recommend new medicinal treatments for mental health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Wellness and Resilience of the Office of the Governor, Clarity Project, Hawai'i Psychological Association, Harvest Garden LLC, Beyond Mental Health, and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that research being conducted on the use of alternative therapies to treat mental health disorders has shown promising outcomes. This measure establishes the Beneficial Treatments Advisory Council, which ensures a continuing venue is available to discuss new therapies and make data-informed decisions on addressing and devoting resources to complex social issues like mental health.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

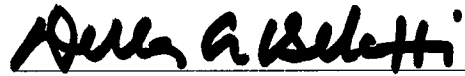
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- (1) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1340, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1340, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-second Legislature

HB 703

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Health & Homelessness**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 1340	<b>Committee Referral:</b> HLT, CPC	<b>Date:</b> 2/15/23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	/			
2. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna (VC)	/			
3. AMATO, Terez	/			
4. ILAGAN, Greggor	/			
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	/			
6. MIZUNO, John M.	/			
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	/			
8. GARCIA, Diamond				/
<b>TOTAL (8)</b>	7			1
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <span style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</span>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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