

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1005-24

Honolulu, Hawaii  
MAR 01, 2024

RE: H.B. No. 1830  
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1830, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish provisional or associate-level licensure requirements and insurance reimbursement allowances for marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors, and psychologists in training;
- (2) Require psychologist license applicants to possess a doctoral degree and complete certain supervised experience requirements before sitting for the licensing examination; and
- (3) Authorize insurance reimbursements for services provided by a supervised social work intern, in certain circumstances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Disability and Communication Access Board; State Council on Mental Health; Office of Wellness and Resilience; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Hawaii Disability



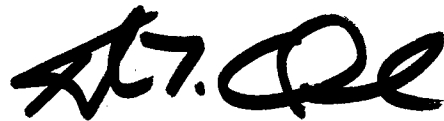
Rights Center; Mental Health America of Hawai'i; Parents and Children Together; Hawai'i Counselors Association; AlohaCare; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Board of Psychology; Hawaiian Islands Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; Hawai'i Psychological Association; National Association of Social Workers - Hawai'i; Hawaii Medical Service Association; and Keep It Kailua.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the number of positions established to an unspecified number; 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 Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1830, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1830, H.D. 2.

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



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KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



