

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1016-24

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01, 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2451  
H.D. 3

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. 2451, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the examinations of defendants via telehealth;
- (2) Amend the conditions for certain petty misdemeanants' release or examination of fitness to proceed;
- (3) Provide a mechanism for the automatic screening of certain petty misdemeanants for involuntary hospitalization or assisted community treatment; and
- (4) Appropriate funds to provide additional positions and resources necessary for the implementation of this measure.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; State Council on Mental Health; Disability and Communication Access Board; and Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition. Your Committee received comments on

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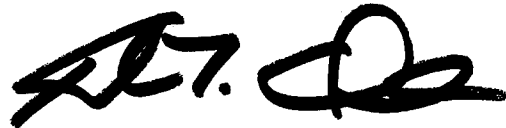
this measure from the Judiciary; Department of Health; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; and Hawai'i Psychological Association.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to the Department of Health to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment 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. 2451, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2451, H.D. 3.

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



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KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB2451 HD2</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HLT, JHA, FIN</b>	Date: <b>02/28/2024</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <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)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)	✓			
2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)	✓			
3. AIU, Micah P.K.				✓
4. CHUN, Cory M.	✓			
5. COCHRAN, Elle				✓
6. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya				✓
7. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
8. KILA, Darius K.	✓			
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
10. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.	✓			
11. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
12. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
13. POEPOE, Mahina	✓			
14. TAKENOUCI, Jenna	✓			
15. ALCOS III, David	✓			
16. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (16)	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <i>David Takuya Garrett</i>				
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