

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2107

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 15 , 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 67
S.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Labor, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 67,
S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND THE STATE AGENCIES COMPRISING
THE STATE'S PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TO COOPERATE
MORE CLOSELY TO DETERMINE THE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO EXPEDITE
THE HIRING AND FILLING OF CRITICAL VACANCIES, INCLUDING
SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THE OBSTACLES AND CHALLENGES UNIQUE TO
THE MENTAL HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of
Human Resources Development and the state agencies comprising the
State's public mental health care system to cooperate more closely
to determine the necessary actions to expedite the hiring and
filling of critical vacancies, including solutions to address the
obstacles and challenges unique to the mental health care
workforce.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Human Resources Development; State Council
on Mental Health; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the quality of the State's public
mental health care system has diminished, in part due to hiring

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practices and policies that make it challenging for state agencies to hire and retain the skilled professionals essential to providing effective mental health care services, affecting a range of critical roles, ultimately undermining the system's ability to meet the needs of the community. Your Committee further finds that departments and agencies that constitute the Continuum of Care in the State are in desperate need of support as high vacancy rates prevent these agencies from meeting the increasing demand for mental health care services. Therefore, your Committee believes that the Department of Human Resources Development and the state agencies comprising the State's public mental health care system should cooperate more closely to determine the necessary actions to expedite the hiring and filling of critical vacancies, including solutions to address the obstacles and challenges unique to the mental health care workforce.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 67, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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



JACKSON D. SAYAMA, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 67, SD1		Committee Referral: LAB		Date: 4-11-25
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SAYAMA, Jackson D. (C)	/			
2. LEE, Mike (VC)	/			
3. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya				/
4. KAPELA, Jeanne	/			
5. KONG, Sam Satoru	/			
6. REYES ODA, Julie	/			
TOTAL (6)	5			1
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: _____				
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