

SB202

Measure Title: RELATING TO SERVICE AREA BOARDS.

Report Title: Service Area Boards; Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Description: Amends statutory provisions relating to quorum and voting requirements for service area boards on mental health and substance abuse. Designates service area boards on mental health and substance abuse within the department of health for administrative purposes.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: CPH

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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB202
RELATING TO SERVICE AREA BOARDS

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH

Hearing Date: February 22, 2017, 9:00 a.m. Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** This measure proposes statutory changes relating to quorum
3 requirements for service area boards on mental health and substance abuse, and for the
4 boards to be established within the Department of Health (DOH) for administrative
5 purposes.

6 The Department of Health supports this measure, which will allow the Service
7 Area Boards on Mental Health and Substance Abuse (SAB) to conduct meetings and
8 meet quorum in compliance with the State's requirements for public meetings (Chapter
9 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes).

10 Based on the attendance records for the SABs, in Fiscal Year 2016, many of
11 them were unable to meet due to a lack of quorum, and only one out of the four boards
12 held official meetings. Thus, the re-definition of quorum will enable the SABs to
13 deliberate and make decisions on issues affecting each county, based on the number of
14 currently confirmed members and not based on the number of vacancies.

15 We thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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Gregory Keane	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support this bill.

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Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara and Senators Kidani, Chang, Espero, Ihara, and Ruderman,

I strongly support SB 202 and the opportunity it would create in supporting the Service Area Boards on Hawaii Island, Kauai, Maui and O`ahu in consistently conducting meetings, identifying strategic planning issues, addressing various statewide Mental Health concerns and actively engaging community members in collectively improving access to care in Hawai'i.

Mahalo,
Cindi Dang, Psy. D.