

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1374

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 15 , 2019

RE: S.B. No. 567
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 567,
S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require an individual to be examined prior to being discharged from an involuntary commitment or voluntary admission to a psychiatric facility, or after transport for an emergency examination, to determine whether an assisted community plan is indicated;
- (2) If an assisted community plan is indicated, require the Department of the Attorney General (AG) to assist with the petition and related court proceeding for a plan and treatment; and
- (3) Require the Department of Health (DOH) to convene a Mental Health Emergencies Task Force.

The Office of the Public Defender, Councilmember representing District 9 of the Honolulu City Council, Partners in Care, Catholic Charities Hawai'i, Chinatown Business & Community

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Association, HOPE Services Hawai'i, ALEA Bridge, Hawaii Kai Homeless Task Force, The Institute for Human Services, and several concerned individuals supported this measure. The AG, DOH, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC), and Hawaii Disability Rights Center offered comments on this measure.

Your Committee notes that the AG testified that it would need additional funding and resources to carry out the statewide responsibility articulated in the measure. The AG said a similar bill that also required the AG to file petitions for assisted community treatment, Senate Bill No. 1464, S.D. 2 (2019), appropriated \$332,000 for fiscal year 2019-2020 and \$308,000 for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the appointment of two deputy attorneys general and support staff.

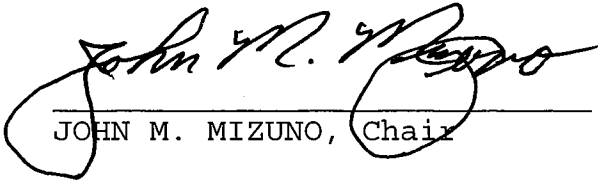
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Expanding the scope of the task force by requiring it to:
 - (A) Develop recommendations for building a comprehensive continuum of care that includes leveraging assisted community treatment as well as civil commitment as part of that continuum; and
 - (B) Explore the feasibility of Leahi Hospital and Maluhia for community-based health care; and
- (2) Adding HHSC as a member of the task force.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 567, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 567, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.



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



JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The THIRTIETH Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 567, SD 2	Committee Referral: HLT, JUD, FIN	Date: 3-14-19		
<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)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)	✓			
2. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	✓			
5. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
6. SAY, Calvin K.Y.			/	
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				/
8. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (8)	6		1	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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