

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

403

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 541

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 541, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the State Payor Committee, to be co-chaired by the Directors of Health and Human Services, or their designated representatives, to implement a unified framework for tracking, coordinating, and guiding the purchase of behavioral health or substance abuse services across the continuum of care that strives for integrated performance metrics, evaluation standards, and reimbursement rates;
- (2) Require executive agencies and programs that purchase social services related to behavioral health or substance abuse to coordinate with the State Payor Committee as part of the planning for the purchase of these services and consider the recommendations and purchase of service framework developed by the State Payor Committee when purchasing these services; and

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- (3) Require all community or private organizations that purchase services for behavioral health or substance abuse, at the request of any state funding agency, to disclose the source of other federal, state, or county level funding the organizations receive for the purposes of performing these services.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health, State Procurement Office, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Catholic Charities Hawaii, and The Queen's Health Systems.

Your Committee finds that the care for persons with behavioral health and substance abuse issues is uncoordinated across state agencies and public providers. Your Committee believes that establishing a formalized coordination for purchasing services with state resources will promote greater coordination in care by aligning the utilization of existing resources to better serve the people of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 541, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary &  
Hawaiian Affairs,



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HARE M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-first Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 541 HDI	<b>Committee Referral:</b> HHH, JHA, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 2-11-21		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	✓			
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC)	✓			
3. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	✓			
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.	✓			
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
8. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	✓			
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
10. TODD, Chris	✓			
11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
12. WARD, Gene	✓			
<b>TOTAL (12)</b>	12	0	0	0
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <span style="padding-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</span>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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