STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1471

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 23 , 2007

RE: S.B. No. 53

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 53 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to expand health insurance services by including marriage and family therapy in the substance abuse and mental illness treatment benefits required to be provided under accident and health or sickness insurance policies and similar insurance coverage.

Several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that this measure seeks to provide consumers more mental health options and services through mandated health insurance benefits.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 53 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce,

ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-fourth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.:	Date:	Date:			
SB 53	March 21,2007				
Committee Referral: HLT, CPC, FIN	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	☐ Pass, with amendments				
Hold	 Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration 				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. HERKES, Robert N. (C)	: 1				
2. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)					
3. CALDWELL, Kirk					
4. EVANS, Cindy				:	
5. GREEN, Josh, M.D.					
6. ITO, Ken					
7. LUKE, Sylvia					
8. MORITA, Hermina M.					
9. SONSON, Alex M.					
10. SOUKI, Joseph M.					
11. TSUJI, Clift				6—	
12. YAMANE, Ryan I.					
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.					
14. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
15. THIELEN, Cynthia					

TOTAL	11			4	
The recommendation is:					
☐ Not Adopted					
If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
10:110 Calduill					
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