STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1334

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 21 , 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1802

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1802 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enable health care providers to share necessary and relevant information from mental health records while preserving a patient's dignity and privacy.

Specifically, this measure establishes an exception to the confidentiality of mental health records to allow a health care provider to disclose information to another health care provider for the purposes of the patient's continued care or treatment.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Association of Health Plans, Hawaii Management Alliance Association, Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii Pacific Health, Hawaii Primary Care Association, Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Kahi Mohala Behavioral Health, Kaiser Permanente, National Alliance on Mental Health Oahu, and the Queen's Medical Center.

Currently, necessary mental health services may be delayed or denied because mental health record information cannot be shared between health care providers. Your Committee finds that this narrow exception to the confidentiality of mental health records will assist patients to receive timely treatment and services without diminishing patient rights.

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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. 1802 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-fourth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: 5B 1802	Date:	3 - 16 - 1	7	
Committee Referral: HUT, TUD	☐ 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			
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (C)				
2. MIZUNO, John (VC)				
3. BELATTI, Della Au				
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III	<u></u>			
5. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				<i>L</i>
6. RHOADS, Karl			·	
7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				
8. TAKAI, K. Mark				
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
10. AWANA, Karen Leinani				
11. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.				
TOTAL	8			3
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
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