STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii MAR 0 2 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1346

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

## Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 1346 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SENTENCING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to restore the statutory provision allowing pre-sentence mental and medical examinations of defendants for the purposes of sentencing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the bill from the Attorney General's Office and from the Honolulu Prosecutor's Office. The Public Defender's Office opposed the bill.

In 2005, the statutory provision was inadvertently repealed as part of the revisions to section 706-603 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. This bill restores that provision and allows for the pre-sentence mental or medical examination of defendants as part of the Judiciary pre-sentence investigation process.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1346 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

CLAYTON HEE, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

## Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary and Labor JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* Committee Referral: Date: 2/28/07				
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  If so, then the previous decision was to:				
The Recommendation is:				
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (VC)				
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				
GABBARD, Mike				
TOTAL	4			
Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: Runells, Kohl				
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