

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

390

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20 2015

RE: S.B. No. 309
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Health and Judiciary and Labor, to which
was referred S.B. No. 309 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish nine
permanent full-time equivalent forensic psychologist positions and
one permanent full-time equivalent manager position within the
courts and corrections branch of the Department of Health for
timely and proper administration of court ordered examinations.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health, Judiciary, Department of Public
Safety, Hawaii Government Employees Association, Hawaii
Psychological Association, and two individuals.

Your Committees find that specialty training and expertise
are required for the proper administration of a court ordered
mental health examination. Where court ordered examinations
involve forensic analysis, post-doctoral or commensurate
experience and appropriate training become crucial factors in the
quality of mental health reports and administration of justice.

Your Committees note that currently 1.5 full-time equivalent
forensic psychologist positions are not filled and that it is
critical to provide resources in this area.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

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- (1) Blanking out the number of positions within the courts and corrections branch of the Department of Health to be established; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Judiciary and Labor that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 309, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 309, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and
Judiciary and Labor,



GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Health
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 309	Committee Referral: HTH/JDL, WAM	Date: 2/11/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, Josh (C)	X			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)				X
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	X			
GABBARD, Mike	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
SLOM, Sam				X
TOTAL	5			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

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