

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

754

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 03 2017**

RE: S.B. No. 503  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 503, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require insurance coverage for appropriate, related case management services by qualified mental health providers for victims of sexual violence and abuse who suffer from mental illness.

The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women; American Association of University Women of Hawaii; Community Alliance on Prisons; Epic-Interventions, LLC; Hawaii Psychological Association; Hawaii Women's Coalition; IMUAlliance; National Association of Social Workers; Parents And Children Together; Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii; The Sex Abuse Treatment Center; YWCA Oahu; and one individual submitted comments in support of this measure.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; the Department of Human Services; Domestic Violence Action Center; and Hawaii Medical Service Association provided comments on the measure.

Your Committee finds that sexual violence and abuse can have severe and lasting impacts on victims' emotional and mental



health. Consequently, many victims have complex mental health problems that require clinical case management services by qualified mental health providers, in addition to psychotherapy. Your Committee also finds that it can be difficult for victims of sexual violence and abuse to obtain appropriate mental health services due to the limited availability of qualified service providers who are able to take on complex mental health cases. Your Committee further finds that clinical case management services are not generally covered by health insurers. This means that clinical case management services are often an unreimbursed expense, thus discouraging providers from accepting these complex cases. Your Committee believes that this measure would improve mental health services availability for victims of sexual violence and abuse.

Section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires that before any legislative measure that mandates health insurance coverage for specific health services can be considered, the Legislature must first adopt a concurrent resolution that requests the Auditor to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report that assesses both the social and financial effects of the proposed mandated coverage. Your Committee notes that the Legislature still needs to adopt such a concurrent resolution regarding the coverage mandated by this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to June 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 503, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 503, S.D. 2.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 503, SD1	CPH, WAM	23 Feb 2017		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)				/
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				/
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				/
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				/
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	7			4
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>A. Kalani English</i>				
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