

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

321

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 1148
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education & Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 1148 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to support and expand the Mental Health Technician Certificate of Competence program through the hiring of a mental health technician certificate program coordinator, establishment of a scholarship program, granting of scholarships, and funding of other necessary administrative costs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary, University of Hawai'i System, Department of Health, and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that there is a severe shortage of mental health providers in the State. This shortage is due to a lack of appropriately educated individuals and high rates of turnover in the field, which is exacerbated by compassion fatigue, burnout, and inadequate preparation for mental health serving positions. Your Committee further finds that Windward Community College, in collaboration with the Hawaii State Hospital, has developed a Mental Health Technician Certificate of Competence program that can help to grow the State's overall capacity to

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address the mental health challenges and needs of Hawaii's residents. This measure will support that program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$137,250.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1148, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1148, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Higher Education &
Technology,



AMY A. PERRISO, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education & Technology

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB1148</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HET, FIN</i>	Date: <i>2/8/23</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HET Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. PERRUSO, Amy A. (C)	✓			
2. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC)	✓			
3. MARTEN, Lisa	✓			
4. MARTINEZ, Rose	✓			
5. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.	✓			
6. QUINLAN, Sean	✓			
7. TODD, Chris				✓
8. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
9. GARCIA, Diamond		✓		
TOTAL (9)	7	1		1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>_____ committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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