Honolulu, Hawaii
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RE: S.B. No. 1044
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Homelessness, to which was
referred S.B. No. 1044, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, 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 hire
complex-based behavioral health specialists for the State's rural
public schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Education, Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i,
and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this
measure from the Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists.

Your Committee finds that suicide is the fourth leading cause
of death for children between the ages of ten and fourteen, and
the leading cause of death for young people between the ages of
fifteen and twenty-four. According to the Department of Health,
between 2005 and 2013 up to twenty percent of all high school-aged
children in the State had suicidal ideation. Your Committee
recognizes that these rates demonstrate the need for funding to
hire additional specialists to provide mental health services in
the State's rural schools.

Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that the behavioral health specialists hired by school complexes must be licensed behavioral health specialists.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1044, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1044, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

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

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DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health & Homelessness

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☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: ☐ Pass, unamended (as is)   ☑ Pass, with amendments (HD)   ☐ Hold
☐ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	/			
2. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna (VC)	/			
3. AMATO, Terez	/			
4. ILAGAN, Greggor	/			
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	/			
6. MIZUNO, John M.	/			
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	/			
8. GARCIA, Diamond	/			
TOTAL (8)	8	0	0	0

The recommendation is: ☑ Adopted   ☐ Not Adopted

If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____