STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2683

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3279

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 3279 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish within the Office of Wellness and Resilience the State of Well-Being Project to assess and enhance tier 1 and tier 2 mental health support services for all key stakeholder communities across the State; and
- (2) Make an appropriation to establish an unspecified number of full-time equivalent mental health specialist positions within the Office of Wellness and Resilience.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning, Office of Wellness and Resilience, Hawai'i Health and Harm Reduction Center, Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!, Filipino Mental Health Initiative - Hawaii, Maui Chamber of Commerce, and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that the State is experiencing a mental health crisis among all ages of the population. Trauma-informed care, an approach to understanding and responding to the widespread impact of trauma, provides one method to address mental





health through safety, peer support, empowerment, and voice and choice. This measure provides additional support for traumainformed care and trauma-responsive practice that will benefit both the public who interact with these systems and the State's workforce.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3279 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Health and Human Services,



The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Health and Human Services HHS

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 3279	Committee Referral: Date: HHS, WAM 2/14/24				
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
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)					
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)					
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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