

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3172

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2505
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2505, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ASSISTED COMMUNITY TREATMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify that community mental health outpatient programs that have agreed to provide mental health services to a defendant as part of an assisted community treatment order may prepare a certificate for assisted community treatment and provide the certificate to a defendant and may file an assisted community treatment petition with the Family Court.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Emergency Services Department of the City and County of Honolulu; Hawai'i Psychological Association; The Institute for Human Services, Inc.; and one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary and Aloha Independent Living Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that a systemic gap in services occurs when a defendant is found unfit to proceed in criminal proceedings. In many cases, these individuals do not meet the strict criteria for involuntary hospitalization but still require

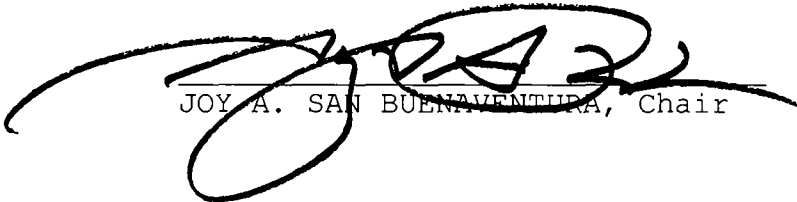


significant mental health intervention. Without a clear bridge to community-based care, these individuals are often released untreated. By empowering community programs to be involved in legal and clinical preparation for Assisted Community Treatment, this measure strengthens coordination between inpatient clinical teams and outpatient providers and ensures that individuals receive the necessary treatment in the least restrictive setting possible.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

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 H.B. No. 2505, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2505, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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




JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Health and Human Services
HHS

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 2505 HD1	Committee Referral: HHS, JDC	Date: 3/18/2024			
<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
	SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
	MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)	✓			
	KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
	KEOHOKALOPE, Jarrett	✓			
	FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
	TOTAL	5	0	0	0
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