

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3180

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 25 2026**

RE: H.B. No. 1854  
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. 1854, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Community Behavioral Health Clinics Certifying Office to certify community behavioral health clinics and provide technical assistance for clinics seeking certification;
- (2) Establish the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics Oversight Board;
- (3) Amend the composition of the Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances and State Council on Mental Health to include a member from the Community Behavioral Health Clinics Certifying Office; and
- (4) Appropriate funds.



Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, State Council on Mental Health, Aloha Independent Living Hawaii, and one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) represent a national standard for delivering comprehensive, integrated behavioral health care, combining mental health and substance use treatment with crisis services, care coordination, and connections to physical health, ensuring timely access and continuity of care. Your Committee further finds that the CCBHC model strengthens systems by improving service quality and addressing gaps in access to care, particularly for underserved and high-need populations. This measure promotes the expansion of the CCBHC model in the State to meet growing behavioral health needs.

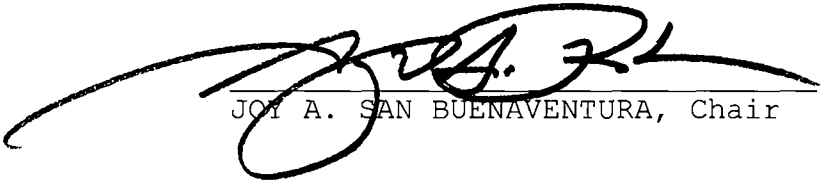
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the total membership of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics Oversight Board from ten to nine; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 1854, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1854, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, 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,



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.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1854 HD1	HHS, WAM	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	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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