

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 32
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.C.R. No. 32 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR'S SENIOR ADVISOR FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM TO FORMULATE A PLAN TO INCREASE ACCESS TO THE HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL FOR CERTAIN MENTALLY ILL- CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Governor's Advisor for Mental Health and the Justice System to formulate a plan to increase access to the Hawaii State Hospital for certain mentally-ill criminal defendants.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and ACLU of Hawai'i.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Governor and Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that in recent years, the Legislature has made various efforts to fund intercept programs to divert individuals experiencing behavioral health crises away from the criminal justice system and into appropriate treatment and support services, but limited coordination between State agencies has resulted in no meaningful reduction in the State's jail population



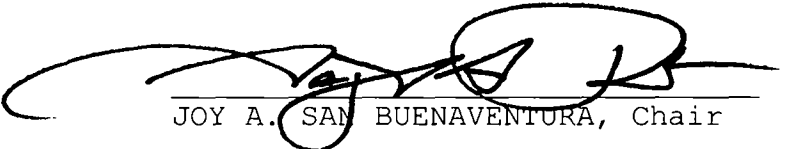
as a result of these initiatives. Your Committee further finds that the Governor's Senior Advisor for Mental Health and the Justice System is uniquely positioned to organize the appropriate state agencies to develop placements for mentally-ill individuals in the State's criminal justice system and persons recently released from the Hawaii State Hospital who are at risk of recidivism. This measure supports access to health and mental health care, diversion from jail where possible, and clinically appropriate pathways to care across the continuum.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title to reflect its purpose; 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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 32, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary, in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 32, S.D. 1.

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
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>HCR 32</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HHS, JDC</i>	Date: <i>04/17/2026</i>		
<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				✓
TOTAL	<i>4</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1</i>
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