

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2165

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 11 2026**

RE: S.B. No. 787  
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 S.B. No. 787 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Health to establish and operate a free statewide mental health warm line to provide mental health support in non-emergency situations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Catholic Charities Hawai'i, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, United Self-Help, and three individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Libertarian Party of Hawaii and one individual.

Your Committee finds that a "warm line" is a confidential, free phone service offering mental health support to individuals who are experiencing psychological distress but are not actively in danger of harming themselves or others. Your Committee further finds that there is a need for a statewide "warm line" to provide nonclinical mental health support over the telephone for non-emergency situations. This measure strengthens the State's mental health support system by offering early intervention before



distress escalates and reduces unnecessary use of emergency and crisis services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation from \$250,000 to an unspecified amount to encourage further discussion;
- (2) Updating the fiscal year to reflect the current legislative session; and
- (3) Inserting an effective date of December 31, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee notes that this measure, as amended, contains an unspecified appropriation amount. Should your Committee on Ways and Means choose to deliberate on this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider inserting an appropriation amount of \$570,137 for the equipment, training, and operational expenses necessary to establish and operate a mental health warm line that is available statewide at no cost to users.

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. 787, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 787, 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,

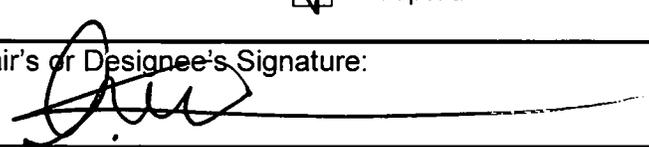


JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



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:		
SB 787	HHS, WAM	1/28/2026		
<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	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	0	0	0
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
Distribution:				
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