

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3496

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2026

RE: S.C.R. No. 149
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.C.R. No. 149 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH AN INFORMAL WORKING GROUP TO ASSESS THE SERVICES AND FUNDING NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF COMPLEX PATIENTS WHO HAVE AT LEAST TWO OR MORE DIAGNOSES THAT INCLUDE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS, OR CHRONIC PHYSICAL ILLNESSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Health to assess the services and funding necessary to address the needs of complex patients who have two or more diagnoses that include substance use disorders, mental health disorders, or chronic physical illnesses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, Hina Mauka, and Aloha Independent Living Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that complex patients, those who have co-occurring substance use disorders, mental health disorders, or chronic physical conditions, face a multitude of socioeconomic, cultural, organizational, systemic, and policy-related barriers to accessing and utilizing substance use disorder treatment and



mental health services. Your Committee further finds that approximately fifty-four thousand adults in the State have chronic conditions of co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, often coupled with multiple chronic physical illnesses, which, if left untreated, may become severe. This measure convenes various state agencies and stakeholders to improve and coordinate efforts to end the fragmentation of care services by developing integrated approaches to treat substance abuse disorders, mental health disorders, and chronic illnesses.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 S.C.R. No. 149, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 149, S.D. 1.

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

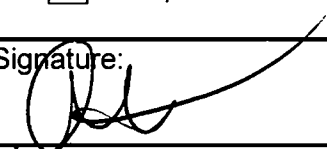


JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 149	Committee Referral: HHS	Date: 3/30/2026		
<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	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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