

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

530

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1047
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred H.B. No. 1047, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to include marriage and family
therapy among the mental illness, alcohol, and drug dependence
benefits required under the hospital and medical coverage offered
under accident and sickness insurance policies and similar
insurance products.

Bobby Benson Center, Argosy University, Mental Health Kokua,
Hale Ipu Kukui Alaka'i, Hawaii Association for Marriage and Family
Therapy, Mental Health America of Hawaii, and numerous concerned
individuals supported this bill. The Department of Commerce and
Consumer Affairs opposed this bill. A concerned individual
submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that this measure will increase access
to important mental health services provided by marriage and
family therapists. However, your Committee notes that concerns
were raised regarding the requirement that DCCA submit reports on
the economic impact of providing coverage for marriage and family
therapists as specified in this bill.

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Therefore, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the provision requiring DCCA to submit reports on the economic impacts of providing coverage for marriage and family therapists; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1047, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1047, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



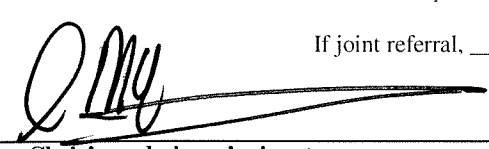
ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



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The Twenty-fourth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1047		Date: February 12, 2007		
Committee Referral: HLT, CPC, FIN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommitment for further consideration				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HERKES, Robert N. (C)	X			
2. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)	X			
3. CALDWELL, Kirk	X			
4. EVANS, Cindy	X			
5. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	X			
6. ITO, Ken				X
7. LUKE, Sylvia	X			
8. MORITA, Hermina M.	X			
9. SONSON, Alex M.	X			
10. SOUKI, Joseph M.	X			
11. TSUJI, Clift	X			
12. YAMANE, Ryan I.	X			
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	X			
14. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	X			
15. THIELEN, Cynthia				X
TOTAL	13			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
 Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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