

SCMH 2025 Legislation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 7, 2025 Time: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Location: <https://zoom.us/s/95138653554#success> and Hale F
Conference Room, 2201 Waimano Home Road, Pearl City, 96782

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Pat Waterhouse. A quorum was confirmed.

Members Present: Mary Pat Waterhouse, Jackie Jackson, Katherine Aumer, Kathleen Merriam, Tianna Celis-Webster

Members Excused: Lea Dias

Guests: Raylene Reyno, Forrest Wells (SCMH member)

Staff: Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Jackie moved to approve the January 28, 2025 minutes.

Second: Katherine seconded.

Outcome: Motion carried unanimously.

III. Legislative Bill Review and Discussion

Carolyn presented a spreadsheet categorizing proposed bills by relevance, appropriateness for discussion under OIP guidelines, alignment with Council goals, and input from members. Members reviewed bills identified in green (permissible for discussion).

HB 1123 / SB 1442 – Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division Update

- - Administrative housekeeping bill aligning outdated statute with current CAMHD operations.
- - Supported by Tianna and Jackie.
- - No objections from committee; consensus to support.
- - Action: One member (Jackie or Tianna) will present the position at the full Council meeting.

HB 1080 – Family Resilience Pilot Program

- - Establishes a five-year program supporting trauma-informed, culturally responsive prevention services.
- - Supported by Jackie and Tianna.
- - Consensus to support.
- - Action: Jackie or Tiana to present at full Council.

SB 623 – State Council on Mental Health Membership and Training

- - Requires Native Hawaiian representation and training.

- - Concerns raised about feasibility due to current recruitment challenges and volunteer nature of Council.
- - General agreement to support the spirit of the bill but provide comments rather than endorse as-is.
- - Action: Prior Council comments from previous sessions to be reviewed and incorporated.

HB 842 / SB 887 – Mental Health Support at UH Mānoa

- - Establishes 3 new permanent mental health positions at UH Mānoa.
- - Members appreciated clarity and intent, noted rising mental health needs among youth.
- - Consensus to support.

SB 482 – Medicare Cognitive Assessments

- - Proposal to require annual cognitive assessments for Medicare beneficiaries.
- - Concerns over workforce capacity, reimbursement, and feasibility.
- - Consensus: Support intent, provide comments emphasizing need for access before mandates.

SB 1450 / HB 1331 – Mobile Outreach for Brain Disorders Among Homeless (Postponed)

- - Due to insufficient detail in agenda description, discussion postponed to February 11 full Council meeting.

SB 361 – Community Outreach Court

- - Supported by Mary Pat.
- - Consensus to support.

SB 1448 – DOH Emergency Appropriation for Defect Remediation

- - Members voiced moral responsibility to support.
- - Consensus to support.

IV. Other Business

Carolyn reminded members that a detailed agenda (12 pages) for the February 11 Council meeting will include expanded descriptions of all bills for full discussion and action.

- Members were asked to submit input on assigned bills for inclusion in the meeting packet.

- A previously approved Council resolution (pilot project) will be discussed in more detail on February 11.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 PM.