

**STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH  
2026 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING DRAFT MINUTES  
Monday, March 9, 2026, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Via Zoom with in-person location at  
Hale F Conference Room, 2201 Waimano Home Road, Pearl City, 96782**

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order.

Committee members: Mary Pat Waterhouse (Chair), Kathleen Merriam, Katherine Aumer, Lea Dias

Staff: Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand

**Summary of Discussion and Committee Recommendations**

**1. Bills being heard, relatively not in SCMH controversial list**

- Many children/family bills not directly tied to mental health: deferred or marked as peripheral.
- Workforce bills (preceptor expansion, loan repayment): Supported, as they strengthen mental health workforce.
- SB2921 (special funds transfer): Council to prepare testimony later to protect mental health & substance use funds.
- Housing/homelessness bills: Council to comment emphasizing the need for SMI-appropriate housing and best-practice services.

**2. Bills require more review**

- Advanced Mental Health Directive: Highly complex; disagreements across stakeholders. : Council will submit comments only, stressing urgency, need for clarity, and importance of continuing/improving working group efforts.
- School Psychologist Bill: Support with comments. Note need to resolve whether DOE or Psychology Board oversees licensure; emphasize importance for youth mental health.
- SB2108 (Trafficked minors/family court jurisdiction): Requires more info; Consults more with DOH/DHS.

**3. Preparation for Full Council meeting**

- Review Artificial Intelligence bill, Dangerous Intoxication bill, Assisted Community Treatment clarifications.
- Present moving and non-controversial bills, and as time permits the bills that required more review

**4. Action Items**

- Staff: Update tracker, draft comments, seek agency input.
- Committee Members: Review remaining bills that review further review.