

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2025

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RE: S.B. No. 1373  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which  
was referred S.B. No. 1373, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSURE  
ACTIONS AGAINST SEX OFFENDERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require, for certain  
professions, the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and  
licensing boards to automatically revoke and refuse to renew,  
restore, or reinstate the professional licenses, registrations, or  
certifications of registered sex offenders.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Board of  
Psychology; Board of Physical Therapy; Board of Naturopathic  
Medicine; Board of Chiropractic; Board of Dentistry; Board of  
Massage Therapy; Board of Nursing; Board of Speech Pathology and  
Audiology; Board of Optometry; Board of Barbering and Cosmetology;  
Hawaii Medical Board; Board of Acupuncture; Hawaii State  
Commission on the Status of Women; Honolulu Police Department;  
RAINN; Hawaii Dental Association; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, persons subject  
to administrative disciplinary actions are afforded a notice and

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an opportunity for a hearing. However, in instances where the person of interest has been convicted of a sexual offense, the delay in imposing a disciplinary action, including the revocation of a professional license, registration, or certification, places the public at serious risk. This measure promotes consumer protection by requiring the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and certain licensing boards to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate the professional licenses, registrations, or certifications of registered sex offenders.

Your Committee further finds that the companion to this measure, H.B. 1054, H.D. 1 (Regular Session of 2025), was previously passed by your Committee.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents and inserting the contents of H.B. 1054, H.D. 1, a measure that:
  - (A) Requires the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and certain licensing boards to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate a license, registration, or certification if the person either committed an offense that would be punishable as an offense described under the sex offender registration laws or is required to register as a sex offender;
  - (B) Provides a licensee, registrant, or certification holder with an opportunity for a hearing on the adverse action;
  - (C) Specifies that final orders of discipline are matters of public record;
  - (D) Prohibits the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs or licensing board, as appropriate, from restoring, renewing, or reinstating a license, registration, or certification in a case where the person has been required to register as a sex offender and the victim of the covered offense was a patient or client or a former patient or client; and



- (E) Takes effect on July 1, 3000; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 S.B. No. 1373, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1373, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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



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SCOT Z. MATAYOSHI, Chair



