STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1524-06

Honolulu, Hawaii

Kg:16, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2296 S.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 2296, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NURSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to make improvements to the nurse licensing law that recognize the current nursing shortage, by providing guidelines for forfeiture, restoration, inactivation, and reactivation of licenses. Specifically, this bill:

- (1) Provides for the automatic forfeiture of a license that is not timely renewed or for failure to comply with other license requirements;
- (2) Establishes a two-year restoration period and conditions for restoration of a license;
- (3) Provides for inactive license status, and reactivation of an inactive license; and
- (4) Authorizes the Board of Nursing to specify continuing education requirements as an alternative proof of competency for a nurse who has not actively practiced in a United States jurisdiction for more than five years.

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The Board of Nursing supported this bill.

Your Committee finds that the flexibility provided by these amendments will make it easier for nurses to remain in and reenter the nursing workforce.

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. 2296, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-third Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.:	Date:	4/3/0		
Committee Referral: The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments				
□ Hold □ Recommit				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HERKES, Robert N. (C)				
2. SCHATZ, Brian (VC)	V .			
3. CALDWELL, Kirk	<i>V</i>			
4. ITO, Ken				
5. KANOHO, Ezra R.				
6. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki		Ministra and the product of the state of the		
7. MORITA, Hermina M.				
8. SONSON, Alex M.				
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.				
10. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.				
11. STONEBRAKER, Bud				
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The recommendation is: Adopted				
□ Not Adopted				
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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