

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 71
H.D. 2
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and
Affordable Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 71, H.D. 2,
S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NURSE AIDES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to monitor and evaluate the
quality of nurse aides practicing in the State by providing a
process for the certification and recertification of nurse aides
who work in nursing facilities participating in Medicare and
Medicaid programs and in other state-licensed and state-certified
health care settings.

Written comments in support of this measure were submitted by
the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Department of
Human Services, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and Hawaii
Long Term Care Association. Written comments were also submitted
by the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that nurse aides provide a valuable
service in the health care community by assisting nurses in a
variety of health care settings. Many become nurse aides on the
path toward becoming licensed practical nurses or registered
nurses. Your Committee further finds that in order to ensure
minimum levels of competency and for the health and safety of
patients, nurse aides in Hawaii should be regulated. This measure
establishes procedures for the certification and recertification



of nurse aides, including those who work in state-licensed and state-certified health care settings that do not receive Medicare or Medicaid funding. Your Committee determines that the regulation of nurse aides will allow the Departments of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Human Services, and Health to appropriately monitor and evaluate the quality and competency of nurse aides practicing in the State.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by making numerous technical, nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity and style, including, among other things:

- (1) Clarifying that Medicare or Medicaid nurse aides shall not be charged for maintenance of the nurse aide registry; and
- (2) Providing internal references to new sections.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 71, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 71, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Affordable
Housing,



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
IGE, David Y. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SAKAMOTO, Norman	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	<i>6</i>			
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">David Y. Ige</div>				
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> </div>				

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