

Honolulu, Hawaii FEB 2 0 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1217

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1217 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow an advanced practice registered nurse who provides care to a patient requesting medical certification forms, the authority to sign certifications applicable to the care provided within the advanced practice registered nurse's scope of practice.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Board of Nursing, University of Hawaii School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Kaiser Permanente, the Hawaii Primary Care Association, and the Hawaii Government Employees Association. Comments on this measure were submitted by the Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses. Written testimony presented to your Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that authorizing advanced practice registered nurses to sign certain forms which are appropriate and within the parameters of their practice will reduce costs and patient hardships due to delays in starts of services, and will help advanced practice registered nurses to provide timely care and support to their patients.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B.

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No. 1217 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Health,

DAVID Y ICE. Chair

The Senate Twenty-Fifth Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes Committee on Health HTH

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	- 1				
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)					
BAKER, Rosalyn H.					
ESPERO, Will					
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.					
HEMMINGS, Fred					
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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