

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 517
S.D. 1

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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. 517
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address issues resulting
from health care provider shortages and ensure quality health care
delivery by updating signature authority for certain medical
professionals.

Specifically, this measure permits physician assistants,
nurse practitioners, registered nurses, clinical nurse
specialists, and certified nurse midwives, who provide the actual
care, to sign certain medical certification forms for their
patients applicable to the care provided within each
practitioner's scope of practice.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Hawaii Primary Care Association, the School of Nursing and
Dental Hygiene of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, the
Occupational Therapy Association of Hawaii, and one individual.
Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure
from the Board of Nursing, the Hawaii Association for Professional
Nurses, and one individual. Comments on this measure were
received from the Hawaii Medical Board and Kaiser Permanente.

Copies of written testimony are available for review on the
Legislature's website.

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Your Committee finds that certified registered nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists, and certified nurse midwives are recognized by state boards of nursing in all fifty states as advanced practice registered nurses. Further, providing registered nurses with signature authority was not the intent of the measure.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by adopting the recommendations of the Board of Nursing by:

- (1) Clarifying that all advanced practice registered nurses who provide the actual care, may sign certain medical certification forms for their patients applicable to the care provided within each practitioner's scope of practice;
- (2) Removing the authority of registered nurses to sign certain medical certification forms;
- (3) Clarifying that the documents that are authorized to be signed are those within each practitioner's scope of practice, and not limited to only those listed in the measure; and
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050 to encourage further discussion on this matter.

Your Committee has further amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

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. No. 517, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 517, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.



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

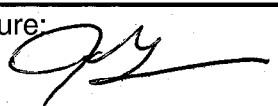
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 517</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HTH, CPN</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2/13/9</div>		
<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
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ESPERO, Will				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-left: 50px;">  </div>				
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