

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2816

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2816  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOSPITAL LICENSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to permit the  
Department of Health the option of recognizing full accreditation  
by The Joint Commission (formerly the Joint Commission on  
Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations) as evidence of a  
hospital's compliance with state licensing requirements for the  
duration of the accreditation period.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Health and Hawaii Health Systems  
Corporation. Your Committee received comments on this measure  
from The Joint Commission (formerly the Joint Commission on  
Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations).

Your Committee finds that The Joint Commission maintains  
rigorous and regularly revised standards that are recognized  
nationwide as a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's  
commitment to meeting certain performance standards. Your  
Committee further finds that by recognizing the accreditation by  
The Joint Commission, resources may be used to focus on hospitals  
without accreditation or other health care organizations, such as  
nursing homes, which have historically not requested or acquired  
national accreditation.



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. 2816 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,



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JOSH GREEN, M.D., Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
<i>SB 2816</i>	<i>HTH, CPN</i>	<i>2-01-12</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
GREEN, M.D., Josh (C)	✓	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	✓	
BAKER, Rosalyn H.		✓
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓	
SHIMABUKURO, Maile		✓
WAKAI, Glenn	✓	
SLOM, Sam		✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>4</i>	<i>0   0   3</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i>		
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