

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2466

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which  
was referred S.B. No. 2466 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR  
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require licensed  
marriage and family therapists in Hawaii to complete a minimum of  
forty-five credit hours of continuing education courses during  
each licensing renewal triennium, beginning January 1, 2017.

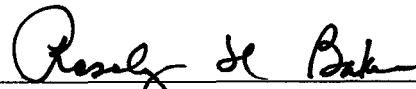
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; National Association  
of Social Workers, Hawai'i Chapter; and twenty individuals.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is one of only two states  
that do not currently require continuing education credits for  
licensed marriage and family therapists. Continuing education  
ensures that licensed marriage and family therapists have access  
to best practices and innovations in the marriage and family  
therapy field and can continue to provide quality services to a  
wide array of clients. Your Committee finds that the continuing  
education requirements in this measure will therefore ensure that  
licensed marriage and family therapists in Hawaii maintain their  
professional competency and keep abreast of the latest  
developments in the marriage and family therapy profession.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2466 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection**  
**CPN**

Bill / Resolution No.: <b>SB 2466</b>	Committee Referral: <b>CPN, WAM</b>	Date: <b>1/31/2014</b>		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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