

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 12, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 580

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 580 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LICENSURE OF DURABLE
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that patients in the State have improved access to critical, life-sustaining medical supplies by:

- (1) Establishing the Durable Medical Equipment Supplier Licensing and Patient Protection Program (Program) in the Office of Health Care Assurance that administers licensure and operational requirements for durable medical equipment suppliers participating in the nationwide competitive bidding program; and
- (2) Appropriating funds for expenses incurred by the Office of Health Care Assurance to establish and administer the Program.

The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and Hawaii COPD Coalition supported this measure. The Department of the Attorney General and Department of Health commented on this measure.



Your Committees note the concerns raised by the Department of Health in the public hearing on this measure that successful implementation of the Program requires further consideration of funding, staffing, administrative rulemaking, and regulatory fairness. Your Committees respectfully request the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce and the Committee on Finance to consider the concerns reflected in the Department of Health's written testimony, should those Committees deliberate this measure further.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 580, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 580, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Human
Services,



DEE MORIKAWA, Chair



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



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The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB580</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HLT/HHS, CPC, FIN</i>	Date: <i>2-6-2015</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. CREAGAN, Richard P. (VC)	✓			
3. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
4. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	✓			<i>ZRR</i>
8. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth				✓
9. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.				✓
TOTAL (9)	7			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Richard P. Creagan</i>				
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