

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 584 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to extend the legal protections currently afforded to healthcare workers who are assaulted in emergency departments to workers in other healthcare settings. Specifically, this measure makes it an assault in the second degree to intentionally or knowingly cause bodily injury to any medical services provider who is in the performance of duty in a hospital, medical clinic, or federally qualified health center.

The Hawaii Primary Care Association, The Queen's Health Systems, and an individual testified in support of this measure. An individual testified in opposition to this measure. Kaiser Permanente and Healthcare Association of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

 Clarifying that the extension of legal protection to medical services providers does not apply to patients in a hospital, medical clinic, or federally qualified health center;



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- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, 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 H.B. No. 584, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 584, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

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DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB584	Committee Referral: HLT, JUD		Date: 2/10/2015	
□ The committee is reconsidering its prev	ious decision on the measure.			
	unamended (as is) Pass short form bill with HD to record	ss, with amendments mmit for future publ		
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	~			
2. CREAGAN, Richard P. (VC)				-
3. HASHEM, Mark J.				
4. JORDAN, Jo	Kachter			Avortion Marc
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
6. MORIKAWA, Dee				
7. OSHIRO, Marcus R.				
8. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth				
9. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.				
TOTAL (9)	783	1		1
The recommendation is: Adop If joint re	• •	did not suppo	ort recommendatio	n.
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:	ally			
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