STAND. COM. REP. NO. 160 -16

Honolulu, Hawaii March 22, 2016 RE: S.B. No. 2341 S.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2016 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2341, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect the health and safety of consumers in the state by making permanent the regulation of respiratory therapists under chapter 466D, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Office of the Auditor, Hawaii COPD Coalition, Hawai'i Pacific Health, Kapiolani Community College Respiratory Therapy Program students, Hawaii Society for Respiratory Care, and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. Several individuals commented on this measure.

Your Committee notes that the State Auditor's Report No. 15-08, "Sunset Evaluation: Respiratory Therapists," June 2015, finds that the regulation of respiratory therapists is reasonably necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers, and licensure is consistent with other health-related occupations, such as doctors and nurses.



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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. 2341, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-eighth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2341, SD1	Committee Referral: HLT, CPC		Date: 3/18/16	
□ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold 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.	/			
8. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth				
9. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.				
TOTAL (9)	7			2
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral,				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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