STAND. COM. REP. NO. 14

Honolulu, Hawaii

## FEB 2 3 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2341 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2016 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2341 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make permanent the regulation of respiratory therapists under chapter 466D, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Office of the Auditor, Hawaii Society for Respiratory Care, Hawaii COPD Coalition, and thirty-one individuals.

Your Committee finds that respiratory therapists provide assessment, therapy, rehabilitation, evaluation, and care for patients with conditions that affect the respiratory system. Respiratory therapists also work and come into contact with patients in a variety of health care settings, including hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and rehabilitation facilities.

Your Committee further finds that the Auditor is required to evaluate newly enacted regulatory programs prior to each program's repeal date. The regulation of respiratory therapists is scheduled to repeal on June 30, 2016. However, based on the Auditor's report from June 2015, continued regulation of



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respiratory therapists is warranted to protect the health and safety of consumers, due to the nature of services offered by respiratory therapists. Accordingly, this measure makes permanent the regulation of respiratory therapists in Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2341, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2341, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chai



## The Senate Twenty-Eighth Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health CPH

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee	Referral:	Da	ite:	
532341	CPH			2-17-14	
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)					
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)					
ESPERO, Will					
IHARA, Jr., Les					
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.					
RUDERMAN, Russell E.					/
SLOM, Sam					
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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