

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2499

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2672
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. 2672 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED
NURSES, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend various
statutes to clarify the role of advanced practice registered
nurses with regard to their authority and participation in the
health care system.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Board of Nursing; Hawai'i State Center for Nursing;
Hawai'i Pacific Health; Prime Care Services Hawaii, Inc.; American
Organization of Nurse Executives, Hawaii Chapter; Bradley Kuo,
LLC; and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that advanced practice registered nurses
provide a wide variety of health care services to people in
Hawaii. Section 323-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires each
hospital within the State to allow advanced practice registered
nurses to practice within the full scope of their practice,
including as primary care providers. Advanced practice registered
nurses are also recognized as participating primary health care
providers for insurance purposes under the State's insurance code.

Your Committee further finds that certain sections within
state law omit advanced practice registered nurses from the

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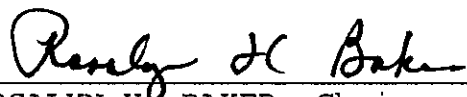


definitions or designations of health care entities who may provide health care, prescribe drugs, or sign forms. The outdated statutes must be amended to authorize increased participation by advanced practice registered nurses and recognize appropriately trained advanced practice registered nurses as primary care providers. Authorizing increased participation by advanced practice registered nurses in certain circumstances, especially with regard to global signature authority, will enable improved access to health care services, expedite the processing of paperwork, and provide optimal care at the initial point of access for Hawaii patients, especially in rural and underserved areas.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting a provision to preserve the amendments made to section 334-59(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, when that section is reenacted on July 1, 2020, pursuant to section 24 of Act 221, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013.

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. 2672, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2672, 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,


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2672	Committee Referral: CPH	Date: 2-18-16		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	6			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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