

Measure Title: RELATING TO LICENSED PROFESSIONALS.

Report Title: Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Licensed Professionals; Contact Information

Description: Requires the department of commerce and consumer affairs to post the business address and business phone number of each licensed professional on its public website.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: CPH

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

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Wednesday, February 24, 2016 10:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2272, RELATING TO LICENSED PROFESSIONALS.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Celia Suzuki, Licensing Administrator for the Professional and

Vocational Licensing Division ("PVLD"), Department of Commerce and Consumer

Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony

in opposition to Senate Bill No. 2272, Relating to Licensed Professionals.

The purpose of Senate Bill No. 2272 is to require the Department to post the

business address and business phone number of each licensed professional on its

public website. This would be accomplished by adding a new section to Chapter 436B,

Hawaii Revised Statutes, which is the Model Act for the PVLD.

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For the Committee's information, the Department currently posts all business addresses for all licensed entities. In addition, as required by their respective statutes, business addresses are also posted for occupational therapists and optometrists. The Department does not post business phone numbers because it is not a licensing requirement.

The PVLD licenses mainly individuals, such as engineers, physicians, beauticians, social workers, and nurses, to name a few. The application for licensure does not require that the applicants provide the Department with their employment information. The information is not a requirement for licensure, therefore the Department does not collect it.

For the aforementioned reasons, we respectfully request that this bill be held. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill No. 2272.