

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2910**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 27 2020**

RE: S.B. No. 2339  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,  
to which was referred S.B. No. 2339, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND  
RELATED DEMENTIA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the  
Department of Health to develop and coordinate an Alzheimer's  
Disease and Related Dementia Training Program for care workers  
whose work involves extensive contact with participants or  
residents.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter; and fifteen  
individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure  
from the Department of Human Services, Executive Office on Aging,  
and Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Alzheimer's disease affects a  
person's memory and eventually causes the individual to experience  
difficulties with speech and language skills, vision, decision  
making, and many other daily activities. As residents of Hawaii  
have the longest life expectancy of any state, the need for  
various care facilities is anticipated to grow as the prevalence  
of Alzheimer's disease increases. Therefore, it is important that  
the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias is



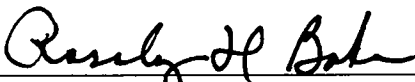
updated to ensure that staff in these facilities are adequately trained to work with people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have required the Department of Health to develop and coordinate an Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Training Program for care workers whose work involves extensive contact with participants or residents;
- (2) Inserting language that requires the Executive Office on Aging to convene a working group to update the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias by identifying the best practices and standards of dementia training in care facilities; and
- (3) 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. 2339, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2339, S.D. 2.

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

  
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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



