

STAND: COM. REP. NO.

2941

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2424
S.D. 1

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. 2424 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify the definition of the practice of medicine to provide uniformity of practice for both medical and osteopathic physicians.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Medical Board and the Hawaii Medical Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that the definition of "practice of medicine" was amended in 2008 by adding a separate, distinct definition of "osteopathic medicine". Because medical doctors and osteopathic doctors receive the same training, this distinction is not necessary. Eliminating this distinction will further help foster consistency in enforcement for these professions. Additionally, the definition of "practice of medicine" should be updated because the practice of medicine not only includes the treatment of disease, as the current definition provides, but also includes additional services that are now commonplace in the practice of modern medicine. Accordingly, this measure expands the scope of practice of medicine beyond merely treating disease

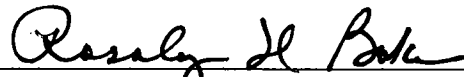


and provides tangible grounds for evaluating physician compliance with existing licensure laws.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for 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. 2424, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2424, 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
 Thirtieth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2424	CPH	2/19/20		
<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)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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