

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2771

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2541  
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. 2541 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require massage therapy licensees to complete twelve hours of continuing education within the two-year period preceding the renewal date, two hours of which shall include first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or emergency related courses, beginning with the renewal for the licensing biennium commencing July 1, 2022, and every biennial renewal thereafter; and
- (2) Update advertising restrictions and penalties.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the American Massage Therapy Association. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Board of Massage Therapy.

Your Committee finds that the practice of massage in the State affects public health and safety. Requiring massage

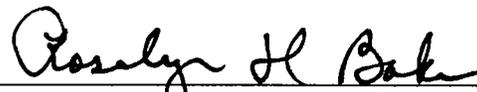


therapists to complete continuing education alongside their licensing renewal requirements, including two hours of emergency related courses, will help elevate the massage therapy profession to the highest standards of qualifications and safety. Further, Hawaii residents can be assured they are being treated by a professional who has studied the most current trends and best practices of the industry. This measure will also modernize advertising restrictions and penalties, as existing state law was enacted when social media platforms did not exist.

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. 2541, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2541, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



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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.:* <b>SB 2541</b>	Committee Referral: <b>CPH, JDC</b>	Date: <b>1/30/20</b>		
<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	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>3</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
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