STAND. COM. REP. NO. 792

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 774 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2019 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 774 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit a licensing authority from using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws and adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association, three individuals, and a petition signed by over two hundred ten individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Contractors License Board.

Your Committee finds that professional or vocational licensees may employ auxiliary personnel to assist these licensed individuals in the practice of their profession or vocation. While considered to be a valuable part of the team, these auxiliary personnel may not be licensed or certified in the State or required to meet the same stringent standards of training and

care as licensed individuals. In order to protect the safety of the public, it is important for those in various professional and vocational fields to adhere to legislatively determined parameters regarding the scope of practice of their own particular profession or vocation. This measure therefore clarifies that the clearly delineated duties of a licensed professional are not within the duties, activities, or functions of an unlicensed, unregulated individual.

Your Committee has considered the testimony offered by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Contractors License Board expressing concern that this measure would prohibit many individuals from gaining the requisite on-the-job training or qualifying experience needed to obtain a license. Although this measure exempts apprentices or trainees who are working toward licensure in an apprenticeship program or clinical program, according to the Contractors License Board, many individuals working toward licensure are not in an apprenticeship program.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by exempting persons who are working toward licensure, including but not limited to apprentices, trainees, graduates, or students, and personnel who are under the supervision of a licensee and who are not required to obtain a license pursuant to applicable licensing statutes; provided that they are not auxiliary personnel regulated under existing law, rather than only exempting those in an apprenticeship or clinical program.

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. 774, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 774, 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:	Da	te:	,
SB 774	C	PH		2/22/	19
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)					
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