

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 223

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 223 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish continuing education requirements for massage therapists, beginning with renewals for the biennium period beginning July 1, 2022.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Board of Massage Therapy, American Massage Therapy Association - Hawaii Chapter, and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that other jurisdictions require massage therapists to complete continuing education before license renewals are granted. Your Committee further finds that continuing education allows professionals to be current on best industry practices.

Your Committee notes that the Board of Massage Therapy requested a delayed implementation date of July 1, 2024, to provide time to notify licensees of the new requirements and allow licensees a full biennium license period in which to fulfill the requirements.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 223, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 223, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



