STAND. COM. REP. NO. 620

Honolulu, Hawaii

## MAR 0 4 2021

RE: S.B. No. 599

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 599, S.D. 1, 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 require massage therapy licensees to complete twelve hours of continuing education in the two years between their license renewals, beginning July 1, 2022; provided that two hours of the continuing education shall include first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or emergency-related courses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Board of Massage Therapy, American Massage Therapy Association - Hawaii Chapter, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that requiring continuing education for licensed massage therapists will elevate the massage therapy profession to the highest standards of quality and safety. Your Committee further finds that twelve hours of continuing education hours in areas such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, and other emergency training is a reasonable requirement for renewal and raises the level of professionalism for massage

therapists. Additionally, this measure ensures that state requirements are consistent with national trends and best practices, as continuing education is required in forty other states for massage therapist license renewals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 599, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair

## The Senate Thirty-First Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection CPN

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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)					
CHANG, Stanley (VC)					
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.					
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.					
RIVIERE, Gil					
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A	١				
FEVELLA, Kurt					
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Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:  Clarence k Aushihara					
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