

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 487

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2023

RE: S.B. No. 674
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 674 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE MEDICAL
LICENSURE COMPACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to adopt the
Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, The Queen's Health System, AlohaCare, Hawaii Medical Service Association, Hawai'i Primary Care Association, Hawaii Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association, Federation of State Medical Boards, National Organization for Rare Disorders, Hawaii COPD Coalition, Hawaii Association of Health Plans, Hawai'i Psychiatric Medical Association, Hawaii Medical Association, EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases, and Hawai'i Pacific Health. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii Medical Board, Hawaii Association for Justice, and Grassroot Institute of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that there is a shortage of medical providers in the State, particularly in rural and underserved communities. The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact streamlines the licensing process for providers looking to practice across



state lines, extending the reach of physicians, improving access to medical specialists, and leveraging the use of medical technologies, such as telehealth. To increase access to health care across the State, this measure authorizes the Governor to enter into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact on behalf of the State.

Your Committee notes concerns raised by the Hawaii Association for Justice that this measure, as currently written, grants broad immunity to officers or employees rendering aid pursuant to the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact and leaves no legal recourse for individuals who may be harmed. Your Committee also notes the Hawaii Medical Board's request for funds to facilitate the implementation of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, including to update its internal database and to establish, recruit, and hire staff. Your Committee respectfully requests your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Ways and Means to consider these concerns, should they choose to deliberate on this measure.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to adopt rules to implement and administer the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact;
- (2) Inserting a blank appropriation to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of December 31, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) 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 Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 674, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 674, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health and Human
Services,



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Health and Human Services
HHS

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 674</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HHS, CPN/WAM</i>	Date: <i>2/10/23</i>		
<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
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
AWA, Brenton			✓	
TOTAL	<i>4</i>		<i>1</i>	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes