STAND. COM. REP. NO.



Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 17 , 2023

RE: S.B. No. 599

S.D. 1 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2023 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Homelessness, to which was referred S.B. No. 599, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize physician assistants to issue orders for respiratory therapy and plans of care; and
- (2) Expand the types of health care providers under whom respiratory therapists may practice respiratory care to include physician assistants and advance practice registered nurses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii Medical Board, Board of Nursing, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, Hawaii State Center for Nursing, Hawaii Pacific Health, Hawaii Society for Respiratory Care, Hawaii Academy of Physician Assistants, Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses, and Kūpuna Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, respiratory therapists are only able to provide respiratory care when they are under the direction of a physician or an osteopathic physician. Your Committee further finds that physician assistants and advance practice registered nurses are qualified health care providers who possess the necessary skill and training to issue orders for respiratory therapy and oversee the provision of respiratory care by respiratory therapists. This measure will remove barriers to access to health care by expanding the class of health care providers who may order and supervise the provision of respiratory care to include physician assistants and advance practice registered nurses.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making it effective upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 599, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 599, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Health & Homelessness,

DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health & Homelessness

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 599, SDI	Committee Referral: HLT, LPL, FIN		Date: 3/15/23		
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to:	Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, committee acronym(s) Adopted did not support recommendation.					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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