

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 490

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2023

RE: S.B. No. 319
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. 319 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RECOGNITION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL LICENSURE INTERSTATE COMPACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the United States Department of Defense, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and Hawaii Association of Health Plans. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Medical Board. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii and Hawaii Association for Justice.

Your Committee finds that there is a shortage of health care service providers in the State, particularly in rural and underserved communities. Despite this shortage, the State does not recognize out-of-state licenses, including those of emergency medical services personnel, requiring out-of-state licensees to undergo an often redundant application process that delays qualified personnel from providing services. To eliminate this redundancy and increase access to emergency medical services, this



measure adopts the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact. However, your Committee notes concerns raised by the Hawaii Medical Board that this measure, as currently written, may conflict with state law, lacks clarity regarding scope of practice for emergency medical services personnel, and may not be financially feasible. Amendments to this measure are therefore necessary to address these concerns.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents and inserting language that:
 - (A) Establishes a working group to study the feasibility and effects of the State adopting the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact;
 - (B) Designates the membership composition of the working group; and
 - (C) Requires the working group to submit a report to the Legislature;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of December 31, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) 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. 319, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 319, 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 319</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: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes