

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 2025

RE: S.B. No. 144
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 144, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHIROPRACTIC,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Beginning July 1, 2027, allow chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their college instruction if directly supervised by a qualified licensed chiropractor; and
- (2) Require the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic, Hawaii State Chiropractic Association, and twenty-six individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that allowing students studying for a degree in a practical field, such as chiropractic, to engage in supervised clinical practice in their trade prior to graduation can be a powerful educational and recruitment tool. Clinical



practice facilitates the application of knowledge and skills gained in the classroom in a setting where a licensed professional can offer guidance and feedback. Clinical practice is especially important for chiropractic students, as they must refine skills in musculoskeletal diagnosis, physical examination, and patient communication before practicing independently. This measure increases training opportunities for chiropractors to help recruit and retain practitioners in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 144, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 144, S.D. 2.

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

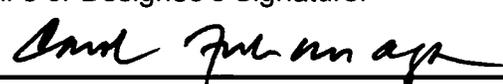


ARRETT LEHOKALOLE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
CPN

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB144 SD1	Committee Referral: HHS, CPN	Date: 2/19/25		
<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
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"				✓
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	4			1
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