

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,



HARRETT LEOHOKALO, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB144 SD1</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HHS, CPN</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2/19/25</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
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: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">Carol Fukunaga</div>				
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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