

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 , 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2272
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2272, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOME HEALTH LICENSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Health to accept accreditation from an accreditation or certification organization approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as demonstration that a licensed home health agency is in compliance with all licensing inspections required by the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; State Health Planning and Development Agency; Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities; and Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the home health agencies must be licensed at the federal and state level. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) uses accreditation or certification organizations to survey home health agencies' adherence to federal Medicare Conditions of Participation. Many states use a home health agency's certification by a CMS-approved accrediting organization to deem the agency in compliance with state or local



licensing requirements, which preserves high standards of care while avoiding unnecessary duplication. Your Committee further finds that allowing home health agencies to meet state licensure requirements using their accreditation from a CMS-approved accrediting organization will promote more efficient use of limited state resources while still maintaining high standards of patient care.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2272, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2272, 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,



GREG TAKAYAMA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB2272, DD1	Committee Referral: HLT, LPL	Date: 3/20/26		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (C)	X			
2. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L. (VC)	X			
3. AMATO, Terez	X			
4. HARTSFIELD, Daisy	X			
5. MARTEN, Lisa	X			
6. OLDS, Ikaika	X			
7. TAKENOUCI, Jenna	X			
8. ALCOS III, David	X			
9. GARCIA, Diamond	X			
TOTAL (9)	9			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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