

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2849

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR - 5 2026

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

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2272 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Department of Health to accept the accreditation of home health agencies from accreditation and certification organizations recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Health, State Health Planning and Development Agency, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that home health agencies must be licensed at both the federal and state level. Allowing an accrediting organization's certification at the federal level to be recognized for state licensure purposes, as proposed in this measure, not only preserves high standards but also avoids unnecessary duplication.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the accreditation organization or certification organization should be approved, rather



than recognized, by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, as suggested in written comments from the Department of Health; and

- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

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

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

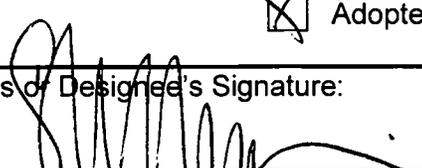


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB2272	Committee Referral: HHO, WAM	Date: 3/2/2026		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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