

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 10, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2331

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 2331 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AN INACTIVE STATUS FOR PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to reduce the costs of administering and complying with professional and vocational licensing requirements by providing state licensing boards and programs the option of allowing licensees:

- (1) To go on inactive status; and
- (2) Reactivate their license at any time during the licensure period or at the time of renewal.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and a concerned citizen supported this measure.

Your Committee finds that a significant number of licensing laws do not give licensed individuals the option of inactive status. This measure does not require, but allows licensing boards to offer this option. In response to concerns voiced by your Committee, DCCA's Professional and Vocational Licensing Division stated that while on inactive status, licensees would have to continue to maintain continuing education requirements and other requisites for their individual licenses.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2331 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



