

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2333
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2333
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NURSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to:

- (1) Provide for the automatic forfeiture of a license that is not renewed in a timely manner;
- (2) Create an inactive license status;
- (3) Impose a two-year restoration period for forfeited licenses; and
- (4) Add continuing education as an alternative proof of continuing competence for nurses who wish to activate their licenses after not having practiced nursing in the United States (US) or US-governed territories for more than five years.

The Board of Nursing and Hawaii Nurses' Association supported this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:



- (1) Stipulating that a person who chooses to restore a forfeited license within two years will be required to:
 - (A) Comply with the licensing renewal requirements provided by law;
 - (B) Complete any written application; and
 - (C) Pay all applicable renewal fees, penalty fees, compliance resolution fund fees and, if applicable, recovery fund assessments;
- (2) Clarifying that section 1, to the extent that it relates to continuing education as alternative proof of continuing competency of nurses, shall not take effect until the Board of Nursing adopts rules governing and indicating the type of continuing education that would be deemed adequate and necessary; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for 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 H.B. No. 2333, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2333, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



