

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1524-06

Honolulu, Hawaii

Apr. 16, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2296
S.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 Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 2296, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NURSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to make improvements to the nurse licensing law that recognize the current nursing shortage, by providing guidelines for forfeiture, restoration, inactivation, and reactivation of licenses. Specifically, this bill:

- (1) Provides for the automatic forfeiture of a license that is not timely renewed or for failure to comply with other license requirements;
- (2) Establishes a two-year restoration period and conditions for restoration of a license;
- (3) Provides for inactive license status, and reactivation of an inactive license; and
- (4) Authorizes the Board of Nursing to specify continuing education requirements as an alternative proof of competency for a nurse who has not actively practiced in a United States jurisdiction for more than five years.

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The Board of Nursing supported this bill.

Your Committee finds that the flexibility provided by these amendments will make it easier for nurses to remain in and re-enter the nursing workforce.

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 S.B. No. 2296, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



