

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2331

Honorable Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing,  
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 measure is to authorize licensing  
authorities to allow licensees to assume inactive status when  
these licensees are currently not engaged in the practice of their  
profession or vocation.

This measure also allows licensees to reactivate their  
licenses at any time during the licensure period or at renewal.  
This reactivation is subject to an application by the licensee and  
denial of the application by the licensing authority.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the National  
Association of Social Workers. No testimony in opposition was  
received by your Committee.

Currently, only eleven of the forty-five licensing boards and  
programs statutorily provide the option for licensees to assume an  
inactive status. Your Committee finds that this measure would  
apply to all forty-five licensing boards and programs and will  
ensure regulatory uniformity and consistency.

Your Committee further finds that, under this measure,  
licensing authorities may enact pricing schemes and fees for the



inactivation and reactivation of licenses that pass on lesser costs to those who choose to become inactive and later reactivate their licenses.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing 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 Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Housing,



RON MENOR, Chair



