

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2537

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17

, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3277  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 3277  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NURSE AIDES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require all practicing  
nurse aides, working in state licensed or state certified health  
care settings, to be certified.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Human Services, and the Hawaii Long-term  
Care Association. Your Committee received testimony from the  
Executive Officer for the Nurse Aide Program in the Department of  
Commerce and Consumer Affairs in support of the measure and  
offering amendments.

Your Committee finds that all nurse aides need to be  
appropriately certified to ensure quality health care services.

Your Committee further finds that the Department of Health,  
the Department of Human Services, and the Executive Officer for  
the Nurse Aide Program in the Department of Commerce and Consumer  
Affairs have been collaborating to develop an integrated approach  
to certify nurse aides regardless of the setting in which they  
practice. These departments continue to work together to monitor  
and ensure the continuation of high standards of quality health  
care.



Your Committee amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the investigation, penalties, and nurse aide registry notification procedures for allegations or findings of abuse, neglect, and misappropriation of an individual's property by a certified nurse aide;
- (2) Providing that the Department of Human Services shall be responsible for approving training programs for certified nurse aides and approving the re-certification process for nurse aides; and
- (3) Providing that the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs shall be responsible for certification procedures, rules, and implementation of the nurse registry.

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 S.B. No. 3277, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3277, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing.


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

  
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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the  
Committee on Health  
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* <i>SB 3277</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HTH, CPH</i>	Date: <i>2/13/06</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to: <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	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (VC)	✓			
HANABUSA, Colleen				✓
TSUTSUI, Shan S.	✓			
WHALEN, Paul				✓
TOTAL	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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