

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 31
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 Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing,
to which was referred S.C.R. No. 31, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO
CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED REGULATORY MEASURES REQUIRING
PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE OF GENETIC COUNSELORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to
conduct a sunrise study of a proposed regulatory measure requiring
professional licensure of genetic counselors.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Kaiser Permanente;
Hawaii Community Genetics, Kapiolani Medical Center for Women &
Children; The Queen's Comprehensive Genetics Center; five genetics
counselors; and one registered nurse. No testimony in opposition
to this measure was received by your Committee.

Your Committee finds that the professional licensure of
genetic counselors will protect the public by ensuring high
standards for the education and skills of individuals providing
genetic counseling services.

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 concurs with the intent
and purpose of S.C.R. No. 31, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.



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



RON MENOR, Chair



