

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 220

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 9, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1335

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1335
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHAPTER 460, HAWAII REVISED
STATUTES, OSTEOPATHY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to conform the osteopathy
licensing laws to the physician and surgeon licensing laws.

Specifically, this measure adds provisions to the osteopathy
licensing laws that are presently found only in the physician and
surgeon licensing laws. These provisions relate to educational
teaching licenses, training replacement temporary licenses, duty
to report wounds, consent to a postmortem examination, intentional
termination of pregnancy, exemptions from licensure, limited and
temporary licenses, continuing education, and denials of licenses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this
administration measure from the Board of Medical Examiners,
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that the same board, specifically, the
Board of Medical Examiners, regulates both doctors of medicine and
doctors of osteopathy despite the fact that the two types of
doctors are regulated under two separate licensing statutes that
are administered by two boards that are separate on paper,
specifically, the "Board of Medical Examiners" and the "Board of
Osteopathic Examiners". Your Committee finds that doctors of

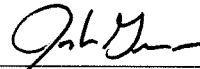
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medicine and doctors of osteopathy are similar in many respects, including their scope of practice, and therefore, the approach to the regulation of these two professions should be accomplished in as uniform a manner as possible.

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. 1335 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



