

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 51

S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 51
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOME CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect the health and
safety of individuals who receive home care services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Healthcare Association of Hawaii and Castle Medical Center.
The Department of Health submitted testimony in support of the
intent of this measure with comments.

Your Committee finds that the health care services sector is
growing in home and community-based provider markets.
Increasingly, elderly and disabled individuals want to be cared
for and remain living in their homes instead of being
institutionalized. Home care agencies provide many of the needed
supportive services in the home. However, your Committee finds
that these home care agencies do not have to be licensed.
Currently, the only requirement for home care agencies in Hawaii
is a general excise tax license.

It is the intent of your Committee to accomplish the purpose
of this measure by requiring home care agencies to be licensed.
This will ensure that quality care is being provided and will help
to protect the often vulnerable population from potential abuse,
exploitation, and improper care.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by adopting the Department of Health recommendation of removing the appropriation from the measure. According to the department, the licensing process can be established using existing resources within the department. Your Committee has also made a technical amendment for the purpose of clarity

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. 51, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 51, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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




DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 51	Committee Referral: HTH, WAM	Date: <i>2/2/07</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: <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	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
MENOR, Ron	✓			
WHALEN, Paul				✓
TOTAL	<i>4</i>			<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes