

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1525-08

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 31, 2008

RE: S.B. No. 1805  
S.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 1805, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GENETIC COUNSELORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure access to high quality genetic counseling services by establishing a licensure program for genetic counselors.

The Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii Down Syndrome Congress, and numerous concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Health opposed this measure.

Genetic counselors assist patients and their physicians in determining genetic risks for disease and other medical conditions. The licensing of genetic counselors will help ensure that genetic information used by patients in their medical decisions is received from providers with appropriate knowledge and training.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1805, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

SB1805 SD1 HSCR CPC HMS 2008-3335



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



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ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> SB 1805, SDI (HSCR 1090-08)	<b>Committee Referral:</b> HLT, CPC	<b>Date:</b> 03-24-08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HERKES, Robert N. (C)	x			
2. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)	x			
3. EVANS, Cindy				x
4. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	x			
5. ITO, Ken				x
6. LUKE, Sylvia	x			
7. MORITA, Hermina M.				x
8. SONSON, Alex M.				x
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.				x
10. TSUJI, Clift	x			
11. YAMANE, Ryan I.	x			
12. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	x			
13. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.		x		
14. THIELEN, Cynthia	x			
TOTAL (14)	8	1	0	5
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="padding-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> _____ 				
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