

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 17, 2008

RE: S.B. No. 3027
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 3027, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OSTEOPATHY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide uniformity in the practice and regulation of doctors of osteopathy and doctors of medicine.

More specifically, this measure includes osteopathic physicians in chapter 453, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to the regulation of doctors of medicine, and repeals chapter 460, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to the regulation of osteopathic physicians, thereby consolidating all provisions into a single regulatory law.

Testimony in support of this measure was received from the Board of Medical Examiners and the Hawaii Medical Association.


Your Committee finds that the Board of Medical Examiners currently regulates both osteopathic and medical doctors. Because osteopathic and medical doctors are subject to almost identical education and training requirements to practice as physicians, allowing the Board to regulate both professions through chapter 453, Hawaii Revised Statutes, would promote uniformity and equality in regulating doctors who differ only in their approach to their practice as physicians.

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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. 3027, S.D. 2, 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



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House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

HSCR 1131

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 3027, SD2	Committee Referral: HLT, CPC	Date: 3-14-2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <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)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (C)	/			
2. MIZUNO, John (VC)	/			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani				/
4. BELATTI, Della Au				/
5. BERTRAM, Joe, III	/			
6. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				/
7. RHOADS, Karl	/			
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				/
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	/			
TOTAL (10)	6			4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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