

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 17, 2008

RE: S.B. No. 3028

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. 3028
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GRADUATES OF FOREIGN
ACUPUNCTURE PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to strengthen acupuncture
licensing requirements.

Specifically, the bill requires applicants for state
acupuncture licensure who graduated from foreign institutes to
have their educational information evaluated by a board-approved
professional crediting evaluator, at the applicant's own expense,
as a prerequisite to taking the acupuncture examination and
receiving an acupuncture practitioner's license.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Board of Acupuncture.

Your Committee finds that this measure will assist the Board
of Acupuncture in ensuring that all applicants for acupuncture
examination and licensing, whether educated in the United States
or abroad, meet equivalent standards of acupuncture education.

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.



3028 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,



JOSEPH B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



