

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2165

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and
Affordable Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 2165 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NURSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce the nursing shortage
in the State by providing additional means by which a student may
qualify for licensure as a registered nurse.

Specifically, this measure allows a master's degree candidate
in a nursing program, who has completed the pre-licensure
component of the program at an accredited and Board of Nursing-
qualified school of nursing, to apply for a license by examination
to practice as a registered nurse.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the
University of Hawaii System, the Board of Nursing, the Healthcare
Association of Hawaii, and four private individuals.

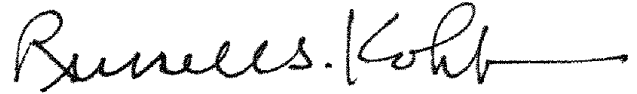
The Master's Entry Program in Nursing (MEPN) is designed for
adult learners with no prior nursing experience or education, who
have a baccalaureate degree or higher in another field other than
nursing, are leadership bound, and are seeking a career in
advanced practice nursing. The program equips students with
entry-level professional nursing competencies as a foundation for
advanced practice roles, and was developed by the University of
Hawaii at Manoa's School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene in response
to the nursing shortage in the State and student interest. Your
Committee finds that providing an additional means to qualify for



licensure as a registered nurse by allowing a graduate who has completed the pre-licensure portion of an MEPN to apply for a license as a registered nurse by examination fulfills the intent of this measure, which is to reduce the nursing shortage in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2165, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Affordable
Housing,

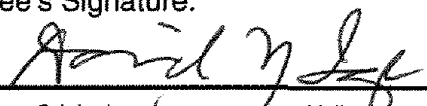


RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing
CPH

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2165	HTH, CPH	3-28-08		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (C)	✓			
IGE, David Y. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
SAKAMOTO, Norman				✓
TANIGUCHI, BRIAN T.				✓
TRIMBLE, Gordon	✓			
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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