

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 3106

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 3106
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 ensure that all applicants
granted an acupuncture license meet equivalent standards of
training and education.

Specifically, this measure requires foreign-educated
acupuncture applicants to have their educational information
evaluated by a board approved and designated professional
evaluator to determine curriculum equivalency.

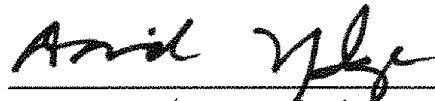
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Board of Acupuncture.

Your Committee finds that the Board of Acupuncture is
required to review and approve foreign school curricula to ensure
that it meets United States educational requirements, a mandate
that the Board does not have the expertise or resources to
effectively undertake. This measure will ensure educational
equivalency by requiring, at the applicant's expense, a
professional credentialing evaluator, with the expertise and
resources, to appropriately evaluate foreign curriculum and
transcripts.



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 H.B. No. 3106, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing.

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



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
MENOR, Ron	✓			
WHALEN, Paul	✓			
TOTAL	5			

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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