

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1420  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and  
Affordable Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 1420 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL  
LICENSING FEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide the Department of  
Commerce and Consumer Affairs' Professional and Vocational  
Licensing Division (PVLD) with the flexibility to offer licensing  
discounts in an expedited manner.

Specifically, this measure amends section 92-28, Hawaii  
Revised Statutes, by extending the authority of the PVLD to  
decrease and increase fees to thirty additional licensing laws  
that fall under the purview of the PVLD.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Testimony in  
opposition to this measure was submitted by the Occupational  
Therapy Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the intent of this Administration  
Package bill is to increase the types of licenses that can  
received a discount from the PVLD for renewing their licenses  
through the PVLD's online renewal system and provide the PVLD with  
greater flexibility in this regard. Your Committee notes that it  
is not the intent to give the PVLD the authority to increase fees



on the thirty additional licensing laws that are included in this bill. Your Committee finds that the bill as currently drafted does not specifically provide for that distinction.

Therefore, your Committee has amended this measure by specifying that the amendments made to section 92-28, HRS, by section 1 of this measure shall only apply to the decreasing of fees for professions and vocations the under the purview of the PVLD. Your Committee has also significantly delayed the effective date of this measure in order to promote further discussion.

The intent of this measure, as amended, is to only provide the PVLD with the flexibility to authorize discounts for licensing and not to provide the PVLD with authorization to increase fees on these thirty professions and vocations.

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 S.B. No. 1420, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1420, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

  
BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

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

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 1420</b>	Committee Referral: <b>CPH, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/7/07</b>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
IGE, David Y. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
SAKAMOTO, Norman				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">David Y. Ige</div>				
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