

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1805
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 Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1805
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GENETIC COUNSELORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to safeguard the public
health, safety, and welfare by assuring the highest degree of
professional conduct on the part of genetic counselors.

The measure accomplishes this purpose by establishing a
licensure program for genetic counselors to be administered by an
unspecified state department.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the March of Dimes, Hawaii Community Genetics, and nine
individuals. The Department of Health submitted testimony in
support of this measure with suggested amendments.

Your Committee finds that genetic counselors are a vital part
of the health care team that provides care to individuals
throughout their lifespan. Your Committee further finds that
licensure of genetic counselors is necessary to protect the public
from persons unauthorized and untrained to perform these services.
This measure will ensure quality health care services are provided
by highly trained professionals.

Your Committee amended this measure by:

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- (1) Establishing that the Department of Health shall administer the licensure program;
- (2) Removing the ability of an individual who, at the time of application, has a doctoral degree from a medical genetics training program accredited by the American Board of Medical Genetics or an equivalent training program as determined by that board to obtain a provisional license; and
- (3) Implementing the program as of July 1, 2008, with the first renewal deadline occurring on July 1, 2009.

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. 1805, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1805, S.D. 1, 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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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1805	Committee Referral: HTH, CPH	Date: 2/14/07		
<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
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
MENOR, Ron	✓			
WHALEN, Paul	✓			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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