

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2472

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2857
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2857 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOME CARE AGENCIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require home care agencies to be licensed by the Department of Health and to appropriate funds for a full-time equivalent position in the Department to assist with licensing and monitoring these agencies.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Healthcare Association of Hawaii. Testimony in opposition to this measure as written was submitted by the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that more and more elderly residents of Hawaii want to remain living in their homes rather than being institutionalized, and as the health care sector evolves to respond to rising consumer demand, home and community based provider markets have also increased. For this reason, it is imperative that the State ensure a minimum level of competence of those providing these services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Incorporating the comments made together by the Department of Health, the Department of Human Services, and the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, by amending



the definitions of "home care agency" and home care services; and

- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2857, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2857, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

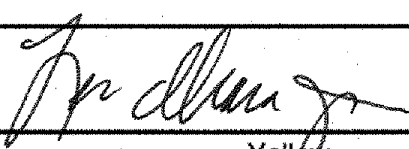
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services and
Public Housing,


SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services and Public Housing
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2857	HSP, WAM	2/7/08		
<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 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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L.				✓
SAKAMOTO, Norman				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
Distribution:				
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