

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2278

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2008

RE: S.B. No. 3028

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 S.B. No. 3028  
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, the Institute of Clinical  
Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, and the Hawaii Acupuncture  
Association.

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.

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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. 3028 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,

  
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DAVID Y. IGE Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Health**  
**HTH**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 3028</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HTH, CPH</b>	Date: <b>02.06.08</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
MENOR, Ron	✓			
WHALEN, Paul	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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