

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2008

RE: S.B. No. 3130
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 Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 3130
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NURSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce the nursing shortage
in the State by providing an additional means by which a student
may qualify for licensure as a registered nurse.

Specifically, this measure allows a master's degree candidate
in a nursing program, who has completed the pre-licensure
component of the program, to apply for a license by examination to
practice as a registered nurse.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene of the University of
Hawai'i at Manoa, the Hawaii State Center for Nursing, Hawaii
Government Employees Association, and two individuals. The Board
of Nursing submitted testimony in support of this measure with an
amendment.

Your Committee finds that by providing an additional avenue
for licensure to practice as a registered nurse, the State's
nursing shortage will be reduced. Your Committee further finds
that the Board of Nursing has existing statutory authority to
adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and
that this provision in the measure is redundant and therefore
unnecessary.

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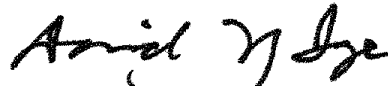


Your Committee amended this measure on the recommendation of the Board of Nursing by deleting the provision requiring rules to be adopted pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee further amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 3130, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3130, 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. ICE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 3130	Committee Referral: HTH, CPH	Date: 02-06-08		
<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
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
MENOR, Ron	✓			
WHALEN, Paul	✓			
TOTAL	5			0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes