

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2615

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 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 Commerce, Consumer Protection, and  
Affordable Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 3130, S.D. 1,  
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 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 at an accredited and Board of Nursing-  
qualified school of nursing, to apply for a license by examination  
to practice as a registered nurse.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the  
University of Hawaii system; the Board of Nursing; the Hawai'i  
State Center for Nursing; the Hawaii Government Employees  
Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; the Healthcare Association  
of Hawaii; and one private individual.

The Master's Entry Program in Nursing (MEPN) is designed for  
adult learners with no prior nursing experience or education, who  
have a baccalaureate degree or higher in another field other than  
nursing, are leadership bound, and are seeking a career in  
advanced practice nursing. The program equips students with  
entry-level professional nursing competencies as a foundation for

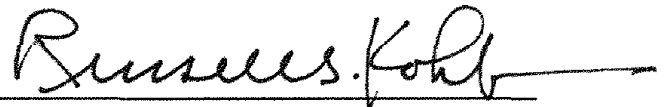
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advanced practice roles, and was developed by the University of Hawaii at Manoa's School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene in response to the nursing shortage in the State and student interest. Your Committee finds that providing an additional means to qualify for licensure as a registered nurse by allowing a graduate who has completed the pre-licensure portion of an MEPN to apply for a license as a registered nurse by examination fulfills the intent of this measure, which is to reduce the nursing shortage in the State.

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. 3130, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312   
 Pass, with amendments 2311   
 Hold 2310   
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (C)	✓			
IGE, David Y. (VC)				✓
ESPERO, Will	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
SAKAMOTO, Norman	✓			
TANIGUCHI, BRIAN T.	✓			
TRIMBLE, Gordon				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>3</b>

Recommendation:  Adopted     Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Will Espero*

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