

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3508

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 10 2008

RE: S.C.R. No. 103

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 103 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO
CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF ACT 226, SESSION LAWS OF
HAWAII 2007, ON NURSE AIDES WHO ARE EMPLOYED IN STATE-
CERTIFIED OR STATE-LICENSED HEALTH CARE SETTINGS TO PROVIDE A
BASIS FOR THE LEGISLATURE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO AMEND ACT 226,
SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2007,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to
conduct a study on the impact of Act 226, Session Laws of Hawaii
2007, on nurse aides who work in state-licensed or state-certified
health care settings and other persons or areas identified by the
Auditor.

In addition, this measure requests the Auditor to study the
possible sources of funding of the costs for recertification and
competency evaluations for nurse aides. The measure also requests
the Auditor to seek input from various interested parties.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department
of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Healthcare Association of
Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Act 226, Session Laws of Hawaii
2007, requires the certification and recertification of nurse
aides, but does not address the costs for recertification and

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competency evaluations. There is concern that this may present a practical conflict with federal laws that mandate that no charge shall be imposed upon Medicare or Medicaid certified nurse aides. Your Committee finds that this measure would provide valuable data and analysis to determine the impact of Act 226 on nurse aides who work in state-certified or state-licensed health care settings. This information would also assist the Legislature in determining whether amendments to Act 226, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, are needed.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 103 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SCR 103</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HTH/CPH, WAM</i>	Date: <i>4/4/08</i>		
<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				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
MENOR, Ron				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
WHALEN, Paul	/			
TOTAL	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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