

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 13, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1378
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1378
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED
NURSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve access to health care
by, among other things:

- (1) Allowing advance practice registered nurses (APRN) to
serve as primary health providers:
- (2) Requiring insurers, mutual and fraternal benefit
societies, and health maintenance organizations to
recognize APRNs as primary care providers; and
- (3) Granting APRNs increased signature authority and
prescriptive rights.

The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, University of Hawaii
at Manoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Hawaii State Center
for Nursing, Hawaii Primary Care Association, Lanai Women's
Center, Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses, AARP Hawaii,
and several concerned individuals supported this bill. The Hawaii
Government Employees Association supported the intent of this
measure. The Hawaii Medical Association, Kaiser Permanente
Hawaii, and American Osteopathic Association opposed this bill.



The Board of Nursing (BON), Disability and Communication Access Board, and Hawaii Medical Service Association submitted comments.

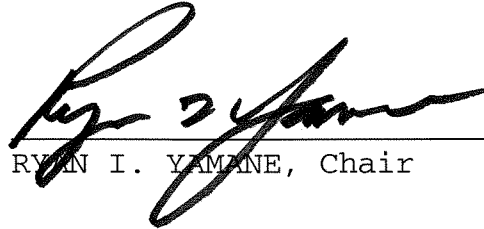
Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Excluding certificates of disability used to obtain parking for disabled persons from the documents APRNs are authorized to certify;
- (2) Providing that a person seeking the title of APRN shall have:
 - (A) Completed an accredited graduate-level education program leading to a degree or certification as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, a certified nurse midwife, a clinical nurse specialist, or a certified nurse practitioner; or
 - (B) Has passed a qualified national certification and various other certification, education, and skill level requirements;
- (3) Reinstating requirements that the:
 - (A) BON establish requirements for advanced nursing practice including education, experience, and national certification; and
 - (B) Hawaii Medical Board submit an annual report on changes made to the exclusionary formulary of drugs certain APRNs are authorized to prescribe;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for 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 H.B. No. 1378, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1378, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1378	Committee Referral: HLT, CPC, FIN	Date: 2-06-09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				/
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III	/			
5. BROWER, Tom	/			
6. CARROLL, Mele	/			
7. MIZUNO, John M.	/			
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				/
9. FINNEGAN, Lynn		/		
TOTAL (9)	6	1		2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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