

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 185

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 11, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 811
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. 811
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ease Hawaii's registered nurse
licensure requirements for graduates of foreign nursing schools
(Graduates) by requiring the Board of Nursing (Board) to have
Graduates applying for a licensure in Hawaii arrange for the
applicant's school to send to the Board:

- (1) The "Breakdown of Educational Program for International
Nursing Programs" form; and
- (2) A certified school transcript, translated to English if
necessary.

This bill also removes the requirement that a graduate's
transcripts be evaluated by professional evaluators designated by
the Board.

The Representative of the 35th District, Nursing Advocates and
Mentors, Inc., Philippine Nurses Association Hawaii, United
Filipino Council of Hawaii, Filipino Nurses' Organization of
Hawaii, Filipino Coalition for Solidarity, National Federation of
Filipino American Associations Region XII, Filipino American
Citizens League, Oahu Filipino Community Council, and several

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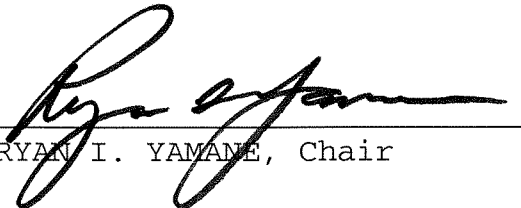
concerned individuals supported this bill. The Board, Hawaii Pacific University School of Nursing, and several concerned individuals opposed this measure. The Hawaii Nurses Association submitted comments.

Your Committee has heard compelling testimony regarding this bill, but believes that there should be some consideration of developing a waiver program based on need rather than the elimination of current key qualifying elements in current law.

Your Committee has amended this bill by 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. 811, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 811, 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,



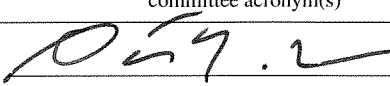
RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 811	Committee Referral: HLT, CPC	Date: 2-03-09		
<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	2		1
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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