

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1709

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 9, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1142
S.D. 1
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 Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 1142, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve patient access to medical care by:

- (1) Clarifying the procedures and circumstances under which licensed physician assistants may provide services; and
- (2) Limiting the liability of physician assistants rendering emergency care services pursuant to the Good Samaritan laws.

The Hawaii Primary Care Association, Hawaii Academy of Physician Assistants, American Academy of Physician Assistants, and numerous concerned individuals supported this bill. The Department of Human Services, Disability and Communication Access Board, Hawaii Medical Board, and a concerned individual submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and

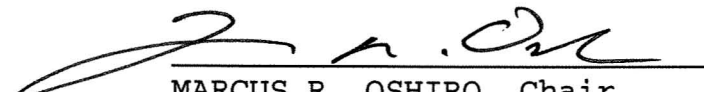
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- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1142, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1142, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



