

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1231

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 27, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1142
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and
Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 1142, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

beg 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 (PAs) may provide
services; and
- (2) Limiting the liability of PAs rendering emergency care
services pursuant to the Good Samaritan laws.

The Hawaii Primary Care Association, American Academy of
Physician Assistants, Hawaii Academy of Physician Assistants,
Occupational Therapy Association of Hawaii, Puna Community Medical
Center, and numerous concerned individuals supported this bill.
The Hawaii Medical Board supported the intent of this measure.
The Department of Human Services and the Disability and
Communication Access Board submitted comments.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your
Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary that
are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with

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the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1142, S.D. 1, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Finance:

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Consumer
Protection & Commerce and
Judiciary,



JON RIKI KARAMATSU, Chair



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



