

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

299

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1208
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1208
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to safeguard the public health, safety, and welfare by establishing a licensure program for genetic counselors to be administered by the Department of Health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children and one hundred eighteen individuals. The Department of Health submitted testimony in opposition to this measure. Copies of written testimony are available for review on the Legislature's website.

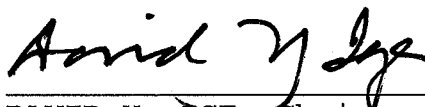
Your Committee finds that genetic counselors are a vital part of the health care team that provides care to individuals throughout their lifespan. Your Committee further finds that licensure of genetic counselors is necessary to protect the public from persons who are unauthorized and untrained to perform these services. This measure will ensure that genetic counseling services are provided by highly trained professionals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity 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 S.B. No. 1208, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1208, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

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

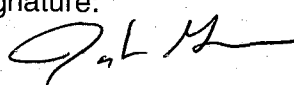


DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1208	HTH, CPN	2-11-9		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			✓
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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