

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1042

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 20, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1332
S.D. 2
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 S.B. No. 1332, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTHCARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure safety and quality care for patients who receive services from respiratory care practitioners by establishing licensure requirements for the respiratory care profession.

This bill further provides an exemption for certain health care professions, from the required auditor's analysis for unregulated professions, that the Legislature deems to be in the best interest to be licensed for participation in federal programs.

The Hawaii Medical Association, American Association for Respiratory Care, Hawaii Chronic Obstruction Pulmonary Disease Coalition, and several concerned individuals supported this bill. The Hawaii Society for Respiratory Care supported this measure with amendments. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs opposed this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

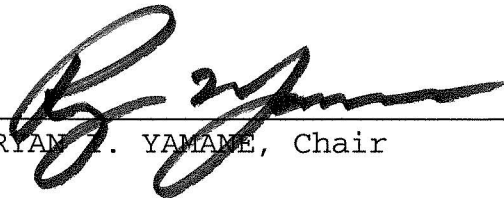
SB1332 HD1 HSCR HLT HMS 2009-3149



- (1) Deleting references to the Respiratory Care Practitioner Board;
- (2) Providing that the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Director) will have the responsibility of overseeing licensure of respiratory care practitioners, including the development of rules;
- (3) Authorizing the Director to establish a Respiratory Care Practitioner Advisory Board; and
- (4) 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 S.B. No. 1332, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1332, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary.

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



RYAN L. 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.: SB 1332 SD 2	Committee Referral: HLT, CPC/JUD, FIN	Date: 03-17-09		
<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			3
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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