

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 20, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 811

H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred H.B. No. 811, H.D. 1, 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
(Foreign Graduates) by requiring the Board of Nursing (Board) to
have Foreign Graduates applying for 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 for the applicant,
translated to English, if necessary.

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

The National Federation of Filipino American Associations
Region XII, the Filipino American Citizens League, the Oahu
Filipino Community Council, the Filipino Coalition for Solidarity,
the United Filipino Council of Hawaii, Nursing Advocates &
Mentors, Inc., and several concerned individuals testified in
support of this bill. The Board, the University of Hawaii at



Manoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, and several concerned individuals opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by changing the effective date to January 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 811, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 811, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



