

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1177

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 25, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1610
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. 1610, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL ORDERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the continued provision of valuable medical care to patients by physician assistants (PA) and registered nurses (RN) under the orders of licensed physicians by:

- (1) Clarifying that a PA acts as an agent of the supervising physician when issuing a medical order and that the order is deemed to be issued by the supervising physician; and
- (2) Ensuring PAs and RNs exercise due care in performing within their respective scope of practice.

The Board of Nursing, Occupational Therapy Association of Hawaii, The Academy of Physician Assistants, and several concerned individuals supported this bill. The Hawaii Medical Board supported the intent of this measure. Kaiser Permanente Hawaii submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

SB1610 HD1 HSCR HLT HMS 2009-3274



- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) 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. 1610, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1610, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committees on Judiciary and Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



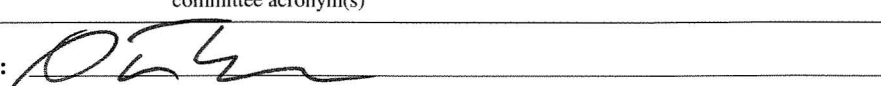
RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 1610, SD 2	Committee Referral: HLT, JUD/CPC	Date: 3-20-09		
<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="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.	<i>SM</i>			/
9. FINNEGAN, Lynn	/			
TOTAL (9)	<i>SM</i> 9/6			<i>SM</i> 2/3
The recommendation is: <input checked="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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