

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 18, 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2163
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2163, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF NURSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to assure that nurses at all levels are qualified and competent and that only qualified persons are permitted to engage in the practice of nursing by, among other things:

- (1) Defining the practice of nursing;
- (2) Directing the State Board of Nursing (BON) to adopt certain provisions of the National Council of State Board of Nursing Model Nursing Practice Act and Model Nursing Administrative Rules; and
- (3) Delineating the scope of practice for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), including specifying that, for purposes of the Uniform Controlled Substance Act, APRNs are not authorized to request, receive, or sign for professional controlled substance samples.



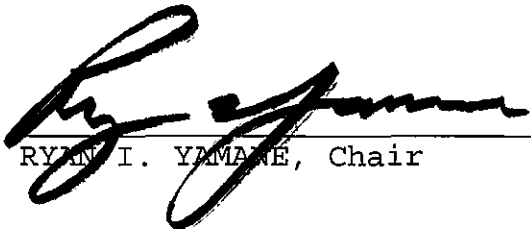
The University of Hawaii School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, BON, Hawaii State Center for Nursing, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses, and several concerned individuals supported this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Repealing the authority to procure or dispense drugs from an APRN's scope of practice; 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. 2163, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2163, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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


RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



