

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 12, 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2600  
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. 2600, 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 protect the health and safety of people needing respiratory care by establishing a licensure program for respiratory therapists in Hawaii.

The University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine, Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii Society for Respiratory Care, and a concerned individual supported this bill. A concerned individual supported this measure with amendments. The Hawaii COPD Coalition and numerous concerned individuals supported the intent of this bill. A concerned individual opposed this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) and several concerned individuals submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by, among other things:

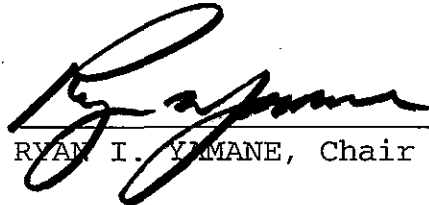
- (1) Specifying that a person working as, in training to become, or studying to become a sleep technologist or sleep technician, as defined by the American Association of Sleep Technologists, is exempt from the licensure requirements being established for respiratory therapists;



- (2) Requiring DCCA to begin collecting fees for licensure as of July 1, 2010, from respiratory therapists determined to be eligible for licensure, and credit those fees toward the license fees due for the period commencing July 1, 2011;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2010, for the collection of fees and July 1, 2011, for the implementation of the licensure program; 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. 2600, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2600, 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,



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RYAN I. YIMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

HSCR 726-10

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Health**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> SB 2600, SD2	<b>Committee Referral:</b> HLT, CPC, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 3/9/10		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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)				
<b>HLT Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
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	/			
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	<b>7</b>			<b>2</b>
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <span style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</span>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> _____ 				
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