

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 19, 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2600
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 2600, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, 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 and regulatory standards for respiratory therapists in Hawaii.

Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii Society for Respiratory Care, and a multitude of concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. Several concerned individuals supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' Professional Licensing Division provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2010, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency, clarity, and style.



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 S.B. No. 2600, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2600, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

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



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



