

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2699
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 2699 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESTORATION OF CERTAIN FORFEITED PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish time limits for the restoration of forfeited chiropractor and real estate broker licenses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, the Real Estate Commission, Hawai'i Association of Realtors, and Hawaii State Chiropractic Association. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that current law does not include limits on the restoration periods for forfeited chiropractor and real estate broker licenses. Your Committee finds that limiting restoration periods for chiropractors and real estate brokers brings these professions into accord with the standards that are imposed on other professional licensees and serves the interest of consumer protection. Since the fields of both chiropractic medicine and real estate are subject to rapid changes from emerging technologies and methods and evolving regulatory standards, allowing for restoration beyond defined time limits may

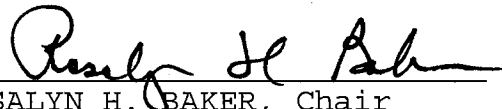


allow for the continued licensing of less-than-competent and able practitioners. Your Committee finds that requiring holders of a forfeited license to reapply as a new licensee will ensure that all licensees meet current standards of competency.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making nonsubstantive technical changes for the purposes of clarity and accuracy.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2699, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2699, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



