

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 38  
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 38  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED  
NURSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require each  
hospital within the State to allow advanced practice registered  
nurses to practice within the full scope of their practice in  
order to fully utilize these health care professionals.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; the University of Hawaii  
at Manoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene; and the Hawaii  
Government Employees Association. Your Committee received  
comments on this measure from the Healthcare Association of  
Hawaii, St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii, Kaiser  
Permanente, and one private citizen.

Your Committee finds that advanced practice registered nurses  
have proven themselves to have clinical experience of sufficient  
depth and breadth to safely practice within their specialties.  
Given the shortage of primary care providers, especially in rural  
and other underserved areas, your Committee further finds that  
hospitals within the State should recognize and allow these  
skilled professionals to realize the full extent of their  
practice.



Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to allow for further discussion of this measure.

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. 38, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 38, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

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



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JOSH GREEN, M.D., Chair



