

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 10, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1926

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1926
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ASSAULTS AGAINST MEDICAL
SERVICES PROVIDERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the offense of
assault in the second degree to include persons who intentionally
or knowingly cause bodily injury to any medical services provider
who is engaged in the performance of duty.

Specifically, this measure includes in the definition of
"medical services provider" certain health care providers
providing services in a medical clinic or federally-qualified
health center.

Pali Momi Medical Center; Hawaii Chapter, American Physical
Therapy Association; American Organization of Nurse Executives,
Hawaii Chapter; Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses; and
numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. Kaiser
Permanente Hawaii and Healthcare Association of Hawaii testified
in support of this measure, with comments. Two individuals also
submitted comments on this measure.

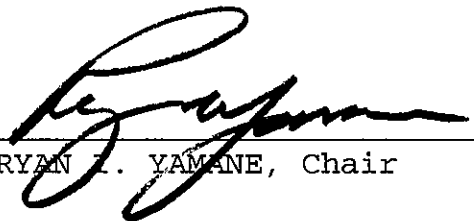


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Expanding the definition of "medical services provider" to include physical therapists and other licensed medical professionals involved in the direct care of patients at locations including long-term care facilities and specialized nursing facilities;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate continued discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments 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 H.B. No. 1926, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1926, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



