

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 14, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2232
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. 2232
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the circumstances
under which pelvic examinations may be performed by certain health
care providers and medical students on anesthetized or unconscious
female patients.

The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, American
Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii,
Women's Coalition, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, the Women's
Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and several individuals
testified in support of this measure. The University of Hawaii
John A. Burns School of Medicine and Hawaii Medical Board
commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

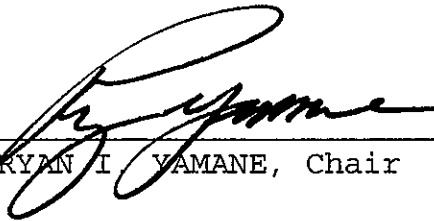
- (1) Amending its purpose section to acknowledge that the
University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine
has a policy regarding pelvic examinations under
anesthesia, whereby medical students must request
permission to be involved in a patient's care and if a
pelvic examination is planned, medical students must
request permission to perform the examination; and



- (2) 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. 2232, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2232, 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



