

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2232
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
H.B. No. 2232, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Medical Board, American Civil Liberties Union of
Hawaii, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii, Hawaii Women's Coalition,
and five private individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure observes ethical
consideration in health care by requiring the patient's prior
informed consent for a pelvic examination. While your Committee
recognizes that it is important for students to learn how to
correctly perform pelvic examinations, it believes that all
patients should be afforded the opportunity to give prior informed
consent whenever possible and that pelvic examinations should only
be performed under certain circumstances when informed consent
cannot be obtained.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report,



your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2232, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



