

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 5, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2103
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 2103, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that the practices of nursing as a licensed practical nurse and as a registered nurse, respectively, include carrying out the orders of a licensed physician assistant practicing with physician supervision and acting as the agent of the supervising physician.

The University of Hawaii School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Hawaii State Center for Nursing, Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses, American Academy of Physician Assistants, Hawaii Academy of Physician Assistants, Puna Community Medical Center, Hawaii Pacific Health, and numerous concerned individuals supported this bill. The Board of Nursing submitted comments.

After careful consideration, your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Modifying the formal educational qualifications of an advanced practice registered nurse; 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 Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2103, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2103, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

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



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



