

SB2103 SD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO HEALTH.

Report Title: Health; Registered Nurse; Physician Assistant

Description: Amends the definition of "the practice of nursing as a registered nurse" to include carrying out the orders of a licensed physician assistant practicing with physician supervision as required by chapter 453, HRS, and acting as an agent of the supervising physician. (SD1)

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: HTH, CPN

Introducer(s): GREEN, Chun Oakland, Espero, Ihara

| Sort by Date | Status | Status Text |
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| 1/19/2012 | S | Introduced. |
| 1/19/2012 | S | Passed First Reading. |
| 1/20/2012 | S | Referred to HTH, CPN. |
| 2/3/2012 | S | The committee(s) on HTH has scheduled a public hearing on 02-10-12 2:45PM in conference room 229. |
| 2/7/2012 | S | The committee(s) on HTH has rescheduled its public hearing to 02-10-12 1:30PM in conference room 229. |
| 2/10/2012 | S | The committee(s) on HTH recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in HTH were as follows: 6 Aye(s): Senator(s) Green, Nishihara, Baker, Chun Oakland, Shimabukuro, Wakai; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 1 Excused: Senator(s) Slom. |
| 2/16/2012 | S | Reported from HTH (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2257) with recommendation of passage on Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referral to CPN. |
| 2/16/2012 | S | Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to CPN. |
| 2/21/2012 | S | The committee(s) on CPN will hold a public decision making on 02-24-12 9:00AM in conference room 229. |



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DATE: Friday, February, 24, 2012

TIME: 9:00AM

PLACE: Conference Room 229

To: COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

From: Hawaii Medical Association
Dr. Roger Kimura, MD, President
Linda Rasmussen, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
Dr. Joseph Zobian, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
Dr. Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

Re: SB 2103 RELATING TO HEALTH.

In Support

Chairs & Committee Members:

Hawaii Medical Association supports this measure and amendments by the Hawaii Academy of Physician Assistants.

This bill serves only to clarify that nurses can execute orders written by physician assistants acting within their scope of practice, as agents of their supervising physicians as per section 168544.5, Hawaii Administrative Rules, "[a] physician assistant may perform those duties and responsibilities delegated by the physician assistant's supervising physician.

It does not increase or expand current existing physician assistant scope of practice.

Furthermore, under section §16-85-49.1 Scope of practice.

(a) A physician assistant shall be considered the agents of the physician assistant's supervising physician in the performance of all practice-related activities as established in writing by the employer.

(b) Medical services rendered by the physician assistants may include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Obtaining patient histories and performing physical examinations;
- (2) Ordering, interpreting, or performing diagnostic and therapeutic procedures...

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Because the historical process of licensing and regulating the scopes of practice of physician assistants and of registered nurses has developed independently for the two health care disciplines, the relevant regulatory language pertaining to their respective responsibilities with regard to each is unclear, specifically with regard to nurses administering orders given by physician assistants and has led to a lack of clarity between hospital administrators and nurses when physician assistants write or give verbal orders in the hospital setting. □

The Board of Nursing, in its Minutes of Meeting, dated November 7, 2003, at pages 5-6, addressed the issue of "Nurses Taking Orders from Physician Assistants (§457-2, HRS) (§16-85-49.1(b)(2), HAR)." The meeting minutes reflect the Board of Nursing's conclusion: "The Board agrees that the law allows a PA, as an agent of the supervising physician, to order procedures which presumably a registered nurse should be able to take and fulfill."

The amendment to Chapter 457-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes simply amends the statute to indicate what the nursing board has already opined, that nurses can execute orders given by physician assistants acting as agents of their supervising physician... *or utilization of reasonable judgment in carrying out prescribed medical orders of a licensed dentist, medical doctor, osteopath, or podiatrist licensed in accordance with chapter 448, 453, 460, or 463E or the orders of an advanced practice registered nurse recognized in accordance with this chapter or a physician assistant licensed in accordance with chapter 453 and practicing with physician supervision as required by chapter 453.*

Alleviating any confusion on this issue will allow for improved and expedited health care delivery in the hospital setting and will further serve to indemnify nurses who execute orders written by physician assistants acting as agents of their supervising physicians.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Brian T Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Honorable Chairpersons and Committee members:

The Hawaii Academy of Physician Assistants (HAPA) supports SB2103 with additional amendments.

HAPA acknowledges and appreciates the amendments implemented by the Senate Committee on Health amending the definition of "the practice of nursing as a registered nurse".

In reviewing the online testimony from the Health Committee hearing, we note that HAPA's proposed amendments were marked late although they were submitted at the same time as our testimony through the capitol.hawaii.gov website. Those proposed amendments suggested that changes needed to be made to the language for licensed practical nurses as well, because LPN's may also act on orders from PAs acting as agents of their supervising physician. We therefore ask that SB2103 be amended to include the following language:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that physician assistants, licensed practical nurses and registered nurses provide valuable medical care to patients under the orders of licensed physicians. Licensed practical nurses and registered nurses currently must use reasonable judgment in carrying out prescribed medical orders of a licensed dentist, medical doctor, osteopathic physician, or podiatrist, or the orders of an advanced practice registered nurse. The legislature also finds that the relevant statutory language fails to explain whether licensed practical nurses and registered nurses are required to administer orders given by physician assistants. That lack of clarity has led to confusion between hospital administrators and nurses when physician assistants write or give verbal orders in a hospital setting.

The purpose of this Act is to clarify that licensed practical nurses and registered nurses are required to use reasonable judgment in carrying out the orders of a physician assistant acting as an agent of the supervising physician.

SECTION 2. Section 457-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of "The practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse" to read as follows:

"The practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse" means the performance of those acts commensurate with the required educational preparation and demonstrated competency of the individual, whereby the individual shall be accountable and responsible to the consumer for the quality of nursing care rendered. The foregoing may include, but shall not be limited to: implementation of basic nursing procedures in the plan of care; observing and caring for individuals at all levels of the health spectrum, giving counsel and acting to safeguard life and health and functioning as a part of the health care team, under the direction of a dentist, physician, osteopathic physician, registered nurse, osteopath, or podiatrist, or physician assistant licensed in accordance with chapter 448, 453, 457, 460, or 463E; administration of treatment and medication as prescribed; promotion of health maintenance of individuals, families, or groups; or teaching and supervision of auxiliary personnel.

"The practice of nursing as a registered nurse" means the performance of professional services commensurate with the educational preparation and demonstrated competency of the individual having specialized knowledge, judgment, and skill based on the principles of the biological, physical, behavioral, and sociological sciences and nursing theory, whereby the individual shall be accountable and responsible to the consumer for the quality of nursing care rendered. The foregoing may include but shall not be limited to observation, assessment, development, implementation, and evaluation of a plan of care, health counseling, supervision and teaching of other personnel, and teaching of individuals, families, and groups in any stage of health or illness; administration, supervision, coordination, delegation, and evaluation of nursing practice; provision of health care to the patient in collaboration with other members of the health care team as autonomous health care professionals providing the nursing component of health care; or use of reasonable judgment in carrying out prescribed medical orders of a licensed dentist, physician, osteopathic physician, or podiatrist licensed in accordance with chapter 448, 453, or 463E [~~or the~~]; orders of an advanced practice registered nurse recognized in accordance with this chapter[-]; or the orders of a

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The following rules from HAR chapter 85 support that PAs are licensed to practice medicine with physician supervision and that they can order diagnostic and therapeutic procedures and write orders for medications. Physicians preauthorize PAs to perform practice specific duties in writing which are kept in the PA practice agreement or hospital credentials. PAs are ordering diagnostic or therapeutic procedures and/or medications as per the preauthorized practice agreement within their scope of practice.

As per HAR Chapter 85, §16-85-44.5 Definition. "Physician assistant" means an individual who has been certified by the board to practice medicine with physician supervision.

§16-85-49.1 Scope of practice. (a) A physician assistant shall be considered the agents of the physician assistant's supervising physician in the performance of all practice-related activities as established in writing by the employer.

(b) Medical services rendered by the physician assistants may include, but are not limited to:

(1) Obtaining patient histories and performing physical examinations;

(2) Ordering, interpreting, or performing diagnostic and therapeutic procedures;...

§16-85-49 (8) (D) A physician assistant employed or extended privileges by a hospital or extended care facility may, if allowed under the bylaws, rules, and regulations of the hospital or extended care facility, write orders for medications Schedule II through V, for inpatients under the care of the supervising physician;

In reference to testimony made to the Committee on Health regarding changing the nurse practice act, it should be noted that Section 457-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes was amended in 2009 to include APRNs in the definition of providers that registered nurses could carry out prescribed medical orders from. Physician assistants are the only licensed providers authorized to write orders that are not currently listed in the statute. This amendment will clarify what the nursing board has stated in opinion, "that the law allows a PA, as an agent of the supervising physician, to order procedures which presumably a registered nurse should be able to take and fulfill." It stands to reason that this would apply to licensed practical nurses as well.

We thank the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection for your consideration of this bill and ask that you pass the amended version of SB 2103 with additional inclusion to the LPN portion of the statute.

Respectfully,

Fielding Mercer, PA-C

President

Hawaii Academy of Physician Assistants

Attachments: 1) Example practice agreement



KAISER PERMANENTE

**KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITAL, KAISER PERMANENTE HAWAII REGION
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SURGERY
REQUEST FOR PRIVILEGES AS A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT**

Applicant Name: _____

REQUIREMENTS

BASIC EDUCATION:

Graduation from a board approved school or training program for physician assistants (§ 16-85-45 Education. All physician assistant educational programs approved and accredited by the American Medical Association's Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditations, or its successor agency shall be approved by the board of medical examiners. {Eff 6/30/81; comp 7/27/87; comp 10/28/89; comp 8/25/90; am and comp 12/22/97] (Auth: HRS §§453-5.1, 453-5/3) (Imp: HRS §453-5.3) 85-17.

MINIMUM FORMAL TRAINING:

- Evidence of graduation from a board approved school or training program;
- AND Evidence of passage of the national certification examination developed by the National Commission on Certification of Physician's Assistants (NCCPA);
- AND Evidence of current NCCPA certification (HAR §16-85-46)

LICENSURE/RECOGNITION:

Hawaii State certificate to practice as a physician assistant or Hawaii State temporary certificate to practice as a physician assistant if "graduated from a board approved training program within twelve months of the date of application and never taken a national certifying examination approved by the board." (HRS §453-5.3) (Note: HRS §453-5.3 uses the term "license" in place of "certificate.") (HAR §16-85-46).

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The physician assistant performs under appropriate supervision those duties and functions specifically delegated by a physician or group of physicians who meet the requirements set forth in HAR §16-85-49. A physician assistant shall be considered the agents of the physician assistant's supervising physician in the performance of all practice-related activities as established in writing by the employer. (HAR §16-85-49.1).

CORE PRIVILEGES FORMAT:

This delineation of privileges represents those most commonly performed within the specialty area and the scope of services provided. The privileges are described in the core privilege (or bundling) format, which, by necessity, is not a detailed list. Each bundle denotes a level of clinical expertise as based on evidence of documented education, training and experience. It is assumed that other medical illnesses and problems may require management within the Practitioner's scope of care and commensurate with the qualification of a Practitioner's licensure. Procedures outside the scope of those listed for this department must be granted on an individual basis through the appropriate department(s) of this facility, upon recommendation of the Chief of the Department of General Surgery

PROCTORING REQUIREMENTS:

Successful completion of Kaiser orientation period including end of orientation performance evaluation. Proctoring to be in compliance with regional procedure for "Proctoring of Professional Staff", procedure number 6226-02-D-9 as amended 3/5/02.

REAPPOINTMENT REQUIREMENTS:

The following is included merely as a guide. It is up to the individual departments to determine the criteria for its PA's:

- Based upon the current appointment period, the Chief of the Department of General Surgery will indicate, by checking or initialing (e.g.: in a column for competency) each of the corresponding privilege(s) being requested, thus indicating the PA is adequately competent to perform that privilege requested.
- For staff members who do not meet the minimum patient requirement, documentation of the continuing use of clinical privileges held or requested must be submitted at time of reappointment.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

For Basic Procedures and Advanced Procedures

- If the privilege requested is a newly acquired skill, the PA will provide a verbal review of the procedure to the proctor. Verbal review will be followed by a single observation of the PA performing the skill under the supervision of the proctor.
- If the procedure is currently a part of the PA's practice within the Kaiser system, and there have been no quality problems/complications resulting from the PA's performance of the procedure, the above criteria are waived and approval will be granted for that privilege.
- When the procedure is currently a part of the PA's practice outside the Kaiser system, one observation of the PA performing the skill under the supervision of the proctor will be sufficient to determine competence if the following are met:
 - The PA has provided Kaiser with evidence of formal training (e.g. documentation of included content in academic or continuing education program) or of on-the-job training;
 - No adverse quality issues pertaining to the procedure have surfaced from outside healthcare affiliations during the credentialing and privileging process.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY:

IN ADDITION TO MINIMUM FORMAL TRAINING, Physician Assistants may prescribe all legend medications, including controlled medications in Schedule III through V for dispensing from an outpatient pharmacy, including medications for discharge from the hospital. Physician assistants may write orders for controlled medications in Schedule II through V for patients in the hospital who are under the care of his/her supervising physician. A physician assistant who has been delegated the authority to prescribe and/or order controlled medications in Schedule II through V shall register with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the State of Hawaii Narcotics Enforcement Division. All Physician Assistants granted prescriptive authority shall complete medication use orientation and education within 90 days of the grant (Policy # 65-61-2.34).

INSTRUCTIONS: Check (✓) the appropriate box for each privilege requested.

| Request Location | | Part A: Diagnosis and Management (Cognitive) Privileges | To be determined by Chief | | | | |
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| AMB | KFH | | Yes | | Yes with Proctoring | No | |
| | | | AMB | KFH | | AMB | KFH |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Medical services rendered by the physician assistants may include, but are not limited to: Privileges to admit; evaluate; diagnose; consult; provide pre-, intra-, and postoperative surgical care; and perform surgical procedures for patients of all ages-except where specifically excluded from practice; to correct or treat various conditions, illnesses, and injuries of the alimentary tract, abdomen and its contents, breast, skin, soft tissue, head and neck, endocrine system, and minor extremity surgery. Privileges include, but are not limited to, insertion and management of arterial catheters, chest tubes, central venous catheters. Also lumbar puncture, tracheostomy, paracentesis, thoracocentesis, management of trauma, and complete care of critically ill patients with underlying surgical conditions in the emergency department and intensive care unit, including initial assessment, initiating and performing CPR and administering CPR resuscitation drugs, steroids, etc. Additional privileges include but are not limited to the following: (1) Ordering, interpreting, or performing diagnostic and therapeutic procedures; (2) Offering counseling and education to meet patient needs; and (3) Making appropriate referrals (HAR §16-85-49.1) including initiating consultation with medical or surgical specialties and paramedical services (4) Recognize and evaluate situations which call for the immediate attention of a physician and institute, when necessary, treatment and procedures essential for the life of the patient. (5) Assisting at surgery in open and laparoscopic operations (6) Perform rounds (7) Write, transmit, or dictate progress notes, orders, and discharge summaries. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Request Location | | Part B: SPECIAL PROCEDURES | To be determined by Chief | | | | |
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| AMB | KFH | | Yes | | Yes with Proctoring | No | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Perform surgical consultations and report findings to surgical staff | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Provide routine follow-up care for surgical inpatients and outpatients | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Supervise transport of patients who are critically ill or who have cardiovascular instability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wound care, including but not limited to dressing application, changes and/or removal, wound aspiration, incision and drainage, and wound debridement | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Removal of wound drains | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Administer intrapleural medication(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Order and administer SubQ, ID, IM and IV medication, as directed by attending physician | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Perform venipuncture | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Place Foley catheter | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Place NG or other enteral feeding tube | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Order and transfuse blood | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | First Assistant to the surgeon for major general surgical procedures (requiring use of standard general surgical experience), or other technically difficult procedures and other assistance as directed by the surgeon | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Common general surgery in office procedures (i.e. anoscopy, aspiration of cysts, core biopsy of nodules, excision of thrombosed hemorrhoid, hemorrhoid banding, foreign body removal) and any other procedures as delegated by the supervising physician | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Request Location | | Part B: SPECIAL PROCEDURES (Continued) | To be determined by Chief | | | | |
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| AMB | KFH | | Yes | | Yes with | No | |
| | | | AMB | KFH | Proctoring | AMB | KFH |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Independent use of Ambulatory Surgery Room for general surgery procedures as delineated by the supervising physician | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Open and close surgical incisions and other assistance as requested by the surgeon. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excise and send specimens for pathology | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Coordinate diagnostic work-ups, procedures, and discharge planning of inpatients and general surgical patients on other services requiring surgical follow-up. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Revision(s)/Modifications to Part B: | | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Requested | | Part C: PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY | To be determined by Chief | | |
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| YES | NO | | Yes | Yes with Proctoring | No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY: To prescribe, dispense, and administer medications and medical devices to the extent delegated by the supervising physician, in compliance with appropriate federal and state regulations, and subject to the following requirements: Prescribing and dispensing of medications may include Schedule III through V and all legend medications. (HAR 16-85-49) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the requirements for the privileges I have requested.

 Signature of Applicant

 Date

I hereby certify that I have reviewed each of the privileges requested and that they are supported by verified documentation of education, training, experience or other factors related to current competence and the applicant's ability to exercise the privileges requested.

 Signature of Department Chief

 Date

 Signature of Supervising Physician

 Date

 Signature of Supervising Physician

 Date

 Signature of Director of Pharmaceutical Services

 Date

- As requested
- As modified

Comments/Recommendations: _____

APPROVALS:

- Approved _____
Credentials and Privileges Committee _____ Date _____

- Approved _____
Executive Committee _____ Date _____

- Approved _____
Board of Directors _____ Date _____

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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It should be applied to the licensed practical nurse portion of the statute as well.

To practice and licensed on the State of Hawai'i for Physician's Assistants, we are always required to have a Physician Supervisor to work. Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANP) and Physician Assistants (PA) perform similarly as Mid-Level Practitioners. If the Committee and Legislators would please remember when bills are written that they include ANP that they should also consider adding PAs also and vice versa it would help to avoid confusion.

I thank the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection for hearing this bill and ask that you pass SB 2103 SD1.

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Regards,

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