

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

845

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 1, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 1098

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1098 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Office of the Auditor to conduct a sunrise analysis of the regulation of health educators.

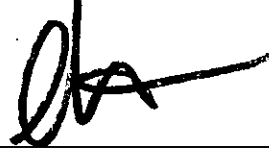
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc., Society for Public Health Education, and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that health educators work with hospital patients, children, and community residents at all levels of health care. However, health educators are not regulated by the State. Your Committee believes that requiring health educators to meet certain educational standards and competency requirements would ensure the safety and quality of the health education that they provide to the public.

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 H.B. No. 1098 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



