

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 28, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 178
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 178, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require social workers to complete the following continuing education credit hours as a condition of any license renewal occurring after the first license renewal:

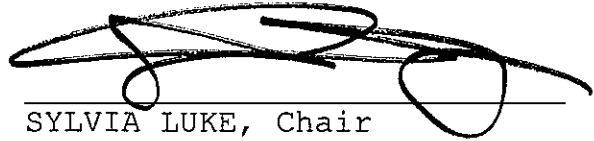
- (1) A minimum of fifteen credit hours of continuing education courses for the licensing renewal period beginning July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2016; and
- (2) A minimum of forty-five credit hours of continuing education courses during each licensing renewal period beginning July 1, 2016.

The Social Worker Program of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women; Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work at the University of Hawaii at Manoa; National Association of Social Workers, Hawaii Chapter; Hawaii Psychological Association and many individuals submitted testimony in support of this measure.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 178, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



