

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 835

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 1, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 79

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 Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred H.B. No. 79, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED
NURSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to modify the graduate-level
education program requirement for advanced practice registered
nurse recognition.

Specifically, this measure changes the requirement from a
program leading to a master's degree in one of four specified
roles to instead a graduate program in preparation of one of four
recognized, but unspecified, roles.

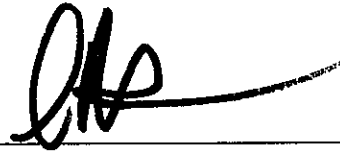
Testimony in support of the measure was received from the
Board of Nursing; the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene of the
University of Hawaii at Manoa; the School of Nursing of the
University of Hawaii at Hilo; the Queen's Health Systems; Hawaii
Pacific Health; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; the Hawaii State
Center for Nursing; the American Organization of Nurse Executives,
Hawaii Chapter; Prime Care Services Hawaii, Incorporated; the
American Association of Nurse Practitioners; the Hawaii
Association of Professional Nurses; and several individuals.



Your Committee finds that under present law, nurses can be recognized as advanced practice registered nurses only if they have a master's degree in nursing. This restriction evidently excludes nurses who have a doctor of nursing practice and other nationally recognized clinical doctorates in nursing. By modifying the recognition requirement, this measure will conform the educational requirements for advanced practice registered nurses to the consensus model of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

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. 79, H.D. 1, 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



