

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 5, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 845

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 845
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE USE OF THE DOCTOR OF
ACUPUNCTURE TITLE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve the processing of
licenses for the practice of acupuncture by:

- (1) Clarifying the requirements for licensees who graduate
from American institutions and intend to use the title
of "doctor of acupuncture";
- (2) Repealing the requirement that the Board of Acupuncture
adopt rules to establish standards for the use of the
title "doctor"; and
- (3) Requiring licensees who graduate from foreign
institutions and intend to use the title of "doctor of
acupuncture" to have their transcripts and curriculum
evaluated by a professional evaluator.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Board of Acupuncture, the Hawaii Oriental Medicine and
Acupuncture Association, Aloha Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture
Association, and the Institute of Clinical Acupuncture and
Oriental Medicine.



Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure by a concerned individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure will assist the Board of Acupuncture in effectively executing the responsibility of ensuring that only qualified applicants are licensed to practice acupuncture in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 845 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

Allen A. Belatti

DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



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The Twenty-seventh Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 845	Committee Referral: HLT, CPC	Date: 2/1/13		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. MORIKAWA, Dee (VC)	✓			
3. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	✓			
4. CARROLL, Mele	✓			
5. JORDAN, Jo				✓
6. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
7. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
8. CHEAPE, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
TOTAL (8)	6			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <i>JM</i>				
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