

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 6, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 847

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 Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 847
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT TOOLS TO IMPROVE
PATIENT SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to give the Hawaii Medical Board new disciplinary authority by authorizing the board to summarily suspend any license to protect the public from immediate or unreasonable threats, fraud, or misrepresentation and to order licensees to submit to mental and physical examinations when the board has reasonable cause to believe a licensee is unable to practice medicine.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs submitted testimony in support of the measure. The Hawaii Medical Service Association and Hawaii Medical Association supported the measure with amendments. The Hawaii Medical Board submitted comments.

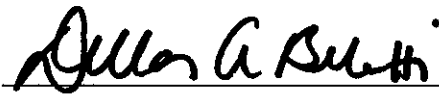
Your Committee finds that further discussion on this measure is needed, and has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



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. 847, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 847, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



