

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 5, 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 Health, 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 require the Auditor to  
conduct a sunrise analysis of the regulation of health educators.

More specifically, the Auditor would be required to analyze  
the probable effects of regulating health educators and whether  
those regulations would be consistent with the policies set forth  
in section 26H-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and to assess alternate  
forms of regulation.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the  
National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc.,  
Society for Public Health Education, and four concerned  
individuals.

Health educators are a rapidly growing sector of the public  
health workforce and are employed in a wide variety of settings,  
including schools, hospitals, community organizations, and health  
clinics. Your Committee finds that the regulation of health  
educators will ensure that:

- (1) Health educators meet minimum competency requirements in  
the profession, similar to requirements for other health  
care and educational professionals;



- (2) Recipients of their specialized work receive quality services at the primary, secondary, and tertiary levels of health care; and
- (3) Quality standards in the health educator profession are maintained by enforcing ethics requirements and taking disciplinary action against violators.

Accordingly, your Committee finds that a sunrise review of the regulation of health educators is necessary and appropriate.

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. 1098 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,



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DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health


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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)     Pass, with amendments (HD)     Hold  
 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:  Adopted     Not Adopted  
If joint referral, \_\_\_\_\_ did not support recommendation.  
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 

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