

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 14, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1880
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1880
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PODIATRISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase access to medical care by conforming the definition of "podiatric medicine" to national standards regarding diagnosis and treatment of the foot and ankle thereby broadening the allowable scope of practice for podiatrists.

The Hawaii Podiatric Medical Association and a few individuals provided testimony in support of this measure. The Hawaii Medical Association and a few individuals provided testimony in opposition to this measure. The Hawaii Medical Board and a few individuals provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, for the purpose of facilitating further discussion.

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. 1880, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1880, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

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