

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEBRUARY 27, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2031

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 2031 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require licensed marriage and family therapists to complete a minimum of forty-five hours of continuing education courses, including six hours in ethics courses, during each licensing renewal period, beginning January 1, 2017.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Marriage and Family Therapists Program and twenty individuals submitted testimony in support of the measure.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is one of two remaining states that do not require continuing education credits as part of its licensing laws for marriage and family therapists. This measure will ensure that licensed marriage and family therapists maintain their professional competency and keep abreast of the latest developments in their profession.

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. 2031 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



