

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

**2990**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 2 1 2014**

RE: H.B. No. 2031

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, 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 and intent of this measure is to require licensed marriage and family therapists in Hawaii to complete a minimum of forty-five credit hours of continuing education courses during each licensing renewal triennium, beginning January 1, 2017.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Marriage and Family Therapists Program of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and fifteen individuals.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is one of only two states that do not currently require continuing education credits for licensed marriage and family therapists. Continuing education ensures that licensed marriage and family therapists have access to best practices and innovations in the marriage and family therapy field and can continue to provide quality services to a wide array of clients. Your Committee further finds that the continuing education requirements in this measure will ensure that licensed marriage and family therapists in Hawaii maintain their professional competency and keep abreast of the latest developments in the marriage and family therapy profession.

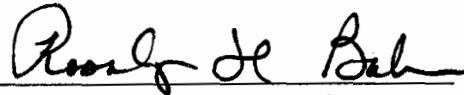
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this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2031, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection**  
**CPN**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2031	CPN, WAM	3/18/14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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