

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **56**

Honolulu, Hawaii  
**February 5**, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 843  
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. 843  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHYSICAL THERAPY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to regulate physical therapist  
assistants by, among other things:

- (1) Requiring physical therapist assistants to be licensed  
to work in the State;
- (2) Limiting the use of the titles "physical therapist  
assistant" or "PTA", or any other term or insignia to  
imply that a person is a physical therapist assistant  
unless the person is licensed as one;
- (3) Adding a physical therapist assistant as a member on the  
Board of Physical Therapy; and
- (4) Appropriating funds out of the Compliance Resolution  
Fund for fiscal year 2014-2015 to implement the  
licensure of physical therapist assistants.

The Board of Physical Therapy, Hawaii Chapter of the American  
Physical Therapy Association, The Queen's Health Systems, and  
numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. The  
Occupational Therapy Association of Hawaii testified in support of

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this measure with a proposed amendment. An individual opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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. 843, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 843, 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,



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DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



