

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

395

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2013

RE: S.B. No. 137

S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 137,
S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate an unspecified amount to the Department of Health to create one full-time position in the Department to facilitate licensing of home care agencies.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health and Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that home care agencies employ workers who assist a growing number of older adults and those with chronic illnesses or disabilities. Home care workers are referred to by a variety of job titles, including certified nursing assistants, care assistants, and home care aides. They make it possible for people with functional limitations to remain at home in a comfortable, familiar environment by providing a wide range of assistance with the activities of daily living.

Your Committee further finds that in 2009, the Legislature passed Act 21, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009. The purpose of Act 21 is to protect consumers of home care services by requiring home care agencies to be licensed. The Department of Health is collaborating with home care agencies, consumer

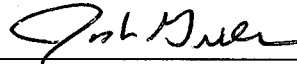
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advocates, and other stakeholders to draft the administrative rules needed to implement licensing. The licensing fees charged to home care agencies will cover administrative costs associated with licensing, but initial funding is needed to start the licensing process so that fees can be collected.

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 S.B. No. 137, S.D. 1, 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 Health,

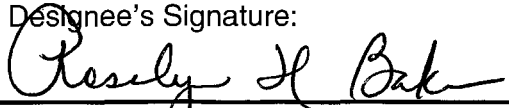


JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 137, SDI	Committee Referral: HTH, WAM	Date: 02/13/2013		
<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
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	4	-	-	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes