

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 198

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 198 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend section 457-8.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to recognize and adopt the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's consensus model by clarifying language relating to advanced practice registered nurse educational requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Center for Nursing; University of Hawai'i at Manoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene; University of Hawai'i at Hilo School of Nursing; University of Hawai'i Maui College Nursing Program; The Queen's Medical Center; St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Hawai'i Pacific Health; Pali Momi Medical Center; Prime Care Services Hawaii, Inc.; Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses; American Organization of Nurse Executives, Hawai'i Chapter; and sixteen individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Board of Nursing.

Your Committee finds that under existing state law, advanced practice registered nurses may only be recognized if they receive a master's degree in certain nursing fields. This precludes



recognition of nurses who earn a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree and other nationally recognized clinical doctorates in nursing, which directly impacts Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates of the University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Nursing and the University of Hawaii at Hilo School of Nursing. The master's degree requirement also impedes other states' advanced practice registered nurses with clinical doctorates from practicing in the State.

Your Committee further finds that every state except Hawaii accepts a graduate degree instead of a master's degree for advanced practice registered nurse licensure and certification. This measure will bring Hawaii into alignment with the rest of the country and with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's consensus model for advanced practice registered nurses.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 198 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



