

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 200

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 200 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require licensed social workers to complete a minimum of fifteen credit hours of continuing education courses for the licensing renewal period beginning July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2016, and forty-five credit hours of continuing education courses during each licensing renewal period, for the period beginning July 1, 2016, and thereafter.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women; Hawaii Psychological Association; Hawaii Youth Services Network; National Association of Social Workers, Hawaii Chapter; National Association of Social Workers, Hawaii Chapter; and thirty-four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that social workers need to be up-to-date on the latest developments in their field. It is important that licensed social workers have access to the best practices and innovations in the field of social work and can continue to provide quality services to an array of clients. Your Committee further finds that every state except Colorado and Hawaii has continuing education requirements for social workers. Social



workers provide critical services in prevention, intervention, and treatment to a broad spectrum of clientele, including vulnerable women, children, elderly, and families, who are often dealing with challenges such as gender-based violence, access to healthcare and issues around death and dying, and many other issues that intersect with gender in unique ways.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 200 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,

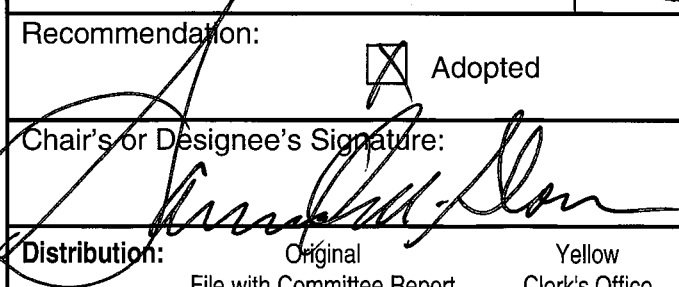


SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
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| Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 200 | Committee Referral: HMS, CPN | Date: 2/31/13 | | |
| <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 |
| CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C) | X | | | |
| GREEN, Josh (VC) | X | | | |
| KIDANI, Michelle N. | X | | | |
| TANIGUCHI, Brian T. | | | | X |
| SLOM, Sam | X | | | |
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| Chair's or Designee's Signature:  | | | | |
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