

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2018

Honolulu, Hawaii

JAN 31 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2032  
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2032  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST HEALTH CARE  
PERSONNEL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Add intentionally or knowingly causing bodily injury to  
medical services providers to assault in the second  
degree offense; and
- (2) Expand the protections under the offense to include  
medical services providers that work in medical clinics  
and federally qualified health centers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, The Queen's Health  
Systems, Kaiser Permanente, Hawaii Association of Professional  
Nurses, Hawaii Pacific Health, Kahi Mohala Behavioral Health, and  
four individuals.

Your Committee finds that health care workers have faced  
increased risks of job-related violence in recent years. Given  
the increased risk of serious assaults occurring in health care  
settings, your Committee further finds that the legal protections  
currently afforded to health care workers in emergency departments

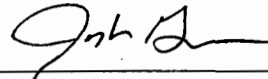


should be extended to medical services providers in medical clinics and federally qualified health centers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by expanding the protections under the offense to include unlicensed medical professionals and other medical staff involved in the direct care of patients.

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. 2032, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2032, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,



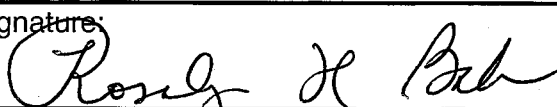
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JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Health**  
**HTH**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2032	HTH, JDL	1-27-14		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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	✓			<del>✓</del> 2013
<b>TOTAL</b>	43	-	-	21
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <span style="margin-left: 100px;">2013</span> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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