

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2584**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2032
S.D. 2

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2032, S.D. 1, 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 the offense of assault in
the second degree; and
- (2) Expand the protections under the offense of assault in
the second degree to include medical services providers
who work in medical clinics and federally qualified
health centers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Primary Care Association; The Queen's Health
Systems; Kaiser Permanente Hawaii; Healthcare Association of
Hawaii; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; and
Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-
CIO.

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

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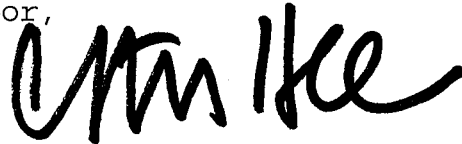


currently afforded to health care workers in emergency departments should be extended to medical services providers in medical clinics and federally qualified health centers. In light of the recent reports of health care workers sustaining injury at work, your Committee requested the Healthcare Association of Hawaii to submit data to support the necessity of this measure.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2032, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2032, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



