

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 12, 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2467
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2467
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PODIATRISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase access to medical
care by conforming the definition of "podiatric medicine" to
national standards regarding diagnosis and treatment of the foot
and ankle.

The American Podiatric Medical Association, the Board of
Directors of Maui Medical Group, Maui Medical Group, Inc., and
numerous individuals supported this measure. The Hawaii Medical
Board, Hawaii Podiatric Medical Association, Hawaii Medical
Association, and several individuals commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Including a provision that will allow qualified
podiatric physicians who have completed a 36-month
podiatric surgical residency to perform ankle fracture
surgery; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the
purpose of clarity.



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. 2467, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2467, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



