

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 4, 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2478
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred S.B. No. 2478, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to update the scope of
practice for chiropractors to reflect standards of care,
practices, and terminology accepted by the National Board of
Chiropractic Examiners.

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners; Hawaii State
Chiropractic Association; Healing Hands Chiropractic; Pukalani
Chiropractic Inc.; Wasserman Chiropractic Inc.; Back In Action
Chiropractic, Inc.; Klein Natural Health and Wellness Center;
American Chiropractic Association; and numerous individuals
testified in support of this measure. The City and County of
Honolulu, Hawaii Medical Association, and Hawaii Insurers Council
testified in opposition to this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:


- (1) Deleting language that would have allowed chiropractors
to use any method of examination for diagnosis and
analysis taught by an accredited chiropractic college
and approved by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners;



- (2) Restoring the prohibition on the use of the terms "physician" and "chiropractic physician" by a chiropractic licensee;
- (3) For chiropractic treatments, specifying the number of treatments and treatment cost rate and number of x-rays and x-ray cost rate allowed under the Workers' Compensation Law;
- (4) Changing its effective date to December 21, 2112, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2478, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2478, H.D. 2.

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



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



