

Honolulu, Hawaii
April 4, 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2490
S.D. 2
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. 2490, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTINUING COMPETENCY FOR NURSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to safeguard patient health and safety by establishing continuing competency requirements for licensed registered and practical nurses to be completed in the two years prior to license renewal, beginning July 1, 2017.

Hawaii Pacific Health, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and a few individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Board of Nursing, and Hawaii State Center for Nursing provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the requirement that the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, in collaboration with the Center for Nursing, convene a stakeholder group to address any outstanding issues associated with the implementation of the continuing competence requirements;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2012, to encourage further discussion; and



- (3) 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. 2490, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2490, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

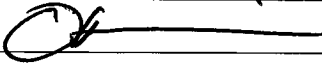
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2490, SD2, HD1	Committee Referral: HLT, CPL	Date: 07/02/14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	/			
2. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K. (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
4. BROWER, Tom	/			
5. CACHOLA, Romy M.				/
6. CREAGAN, Richard	/			
7. EVANS, Cindy	/			
8. HAR, Sharon E.				/
9. ITO, Ken	/			
10. LEE, Chris	/			
11. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	/			
12. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	/			
13. TSUJI, Clift	/			
14. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
15. MCDERMOTT, Bob	/			
16. THIELEN, Cynthia				
TOTAL (16)	14			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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