

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2239

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2492

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. 2492
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED
NURSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to improve patient
access to medical care by amending several sections of the Hawaii
Revised Statutes to clarify the circumstances under which advanced
practice registered nurses may practice their profession to the
fullest extent of their training and education.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Nursing, Hawaii
Pacific Health, Disability and Communication Access Board, Hawaii
Association of Professional Nurses, Pali Momi Medical Center,
Hawaii State Center for Nursing, American Association of Nurse
Practitioners, Hawaii State Center for Nursing, The Queen's Health
Systems, and several individuals. Your Committee received
testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your
Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of
Nursing.

Your Committee finds that certain sections within the Hawaii
Revised Statutes omit advanced practice registered nurses from the
definitions or designations of health care entities who may
provide health care, prescribe drugs, or sign forms. Your
Committee further finds that advanced practice registered nurses

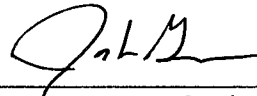


provide a wide variety of health care services and are recognized as participating primary health care providers for insurance purposes. This measure will enable improved access to health care services, expedite the processing of paperwork, and provide optimal care at the initial point of access for patients across the State, especially in rural and underserved areas.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 2492, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2492, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

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



JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Health
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2492	Committee Referral: HTH, CPN	Date: 2-5-14		
<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, M.D., Josh (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				✓
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	3	-	-	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Rosalyn H Baker</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes