

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1559

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 5, 2013

RE: S.B. No. 965  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 965, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support the spouses of the members of the armed forces by clarifying eligibility requirements for professional and vocational licensure by endorsement or reciprocity to specify that eligible individuals shall be spouses of military members in good standing of the active or a reserve component of any of the armed forces of the United States Department of Defense stationed in Hawaii for a duration of at least one year.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Military Officers Association of America, Hawaii Chapter; and National Association for Uniformed Services Hawaii Chapter testified in support of this measure. The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii testified in support of the intent of this measure. The Hawaii Dental Association and Niwao & Roberts, CPAs, a P.C., testified in opposition to this measure. The Hawaii Association of Public Accountants provided comments on this measure.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that for purposes of licensure by endorsement or reciprocity, the member of the military shall have orders to be stationed in the State from an appropriate agency of the Armed Forces in order to include members of the U.S. Coast Guard;
- (2) Clarifying that the license by endorsement or reciprocity may be revoked if the information provided in the application for licensure is found to be false by the licensing authority;
- (3) Exempting medical doctors, dentists, certified public accountants, and other licensing authorities subject to specific provisions regulating licensure by endorsement or licensure by reciprocity pursuant to another chapter of the Hawaii Revised Statutes from licensure pursuant to this measure; and
- (4) 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. 965, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 965, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

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



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ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



