

# SCR 46

Measure Title: REQUESTING THE STATE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE REVIEW OF THE REGULATION OF VETERINARY TECHNICIANS AND THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY.

Report Title: Sunrise Review; Auditor; Veterinary Technicians; Veterinary Technology

Description:

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: CPN, WAM

Introducer(s): BAKER, English, Keith-Agaran, Nishihara, Taniguchi



NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR

SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
LT. GOVERNOR

STATE OF HAWAII  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
335 MERCHANT STREET, ROOM 310  
P.O. Box 541  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809  
Phone Number: 586-2850  
Fax Number: 586-2856  
[www.hawaii.gov/dcca](http://www.hawaii.gov/dcca)

KEALI'I S. LOPEZ  
DIRECTOR

JO ANN M. UCHIDA TAKEUCHI  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

PRESENTATION OF  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
REGULATED INDUSTRIES COMPLAINTS OFFICE

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SEVENTH STATE LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION, 2014

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2014  
9:30 A.M.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46  
REQUESTING THE STATE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE REVIEW OF THE  
REGULATION OF VETERINARY TECHNICIANS AND THE PRACTICE OF  
VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,  
AND TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, VICE CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department")  
appreciates the opportunity to testify on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 46,  
Requesting the State Auditor to Conduct a Sunrise Review of the Regulation of  
Veterinary Technicians and the Practice of Veterinary Technology. My name is  
Daria Loy-Goto, Complaints and Enforcement Officer for the Department's

Testimony on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 46  
March 21, 2014  
Page 2

Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO"). RICO offers the following testimony in support of the concurrent resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 46 requests a sunrise review by the Auditor on the regulation of veterinary technicians as proposed in Senate Bill No. 2502 S.D.1. RICO supports a sunrise review in accordance with §26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

RICO has been working collaboratively with the Board of Veterinary Examiners and the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association on the enforcement provisions in Senate Bill No. 2502 S.D.1, with the understanding by all parties that the bill's proposed registration scheme would be the subject of a sunrise review.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 46. I will be happy to answer any questions that the members of the Committee may have.

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS**

**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2014**

Friday, March 21, 2014  
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46, REQUESTING  
THE STATE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE REVIEW OF THE REGULATION  
OF VETERINARY TECHNICIANS AND THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY  
TECHNOLOGY.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is John Kaya, D.V.M., and I am the Chairperson of the Board of Veterinary Examiners ("Board"). Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 46, Requesting the State Auditor to Conduct a Sunrise Review of the Regulation of Veterinary Technicians and the Practice of Veterinary Technology.

The Board understands that Section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires that new regulatory measures being considered for enactment be referred to the Auditor for a sunrise analysis. Referral shall be by concurrent resolution that identifies a specific legislative bill to be analyzed, which in this case is Senate Bill No. 2502, S.D. 1 (2014). The statute further requires that the analysis shall set forth the probable effects of regulation, assess whether its enactment is consistent with the legislative policies of the Hawaii Regulatory Licensing Reform Act, and assess alternative forms of regulation.

The Board worked with the proponents of the bill and compromise language was reached, and Senate Bill No. 2502, S.D. 1, is the bill to be analyzed by the Auditor. Affected parties are in full support of establishing requirements for the regulation of veterinary technicians and the practice of veterinary technology.

Therefore, the Board respectfully requests your Committee's approval and passage of this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 46.

**SCR46**

Submitted on: 3/19/2014

Testimony for CPN on Mar 21, 2014 09:30AM in Conference Room 229

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Eric Ako DVM	Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association	Support	Yes

Comments: Honorable Chair Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and committee members, The Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association and the majority of veterinarians it represents in Hawaii are strongly in support of SCR46. We would like to take the opportunity to recognize and thank Chair Baker for her strong support and work with our effort, as well as that of Representative Mark Hashem in the House. We hope for a positive sunrise review, and in the meanwhile will work to create an acceptable version of SB2502 for next year. Registering veterinary technicians will improve the delivery of quality veterinary services to the public. Can you imagine medical care without nurses? Thank you very much, Eric Ako DVM Executive Vice President, HVMA

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)