

Honolulu, Hawaii February 8, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1627

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2016 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1627 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL INVESTIGATIONS BY THE REGULATED INDUSTRIES COMPLAINTS OFFICE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support the regulation and enforcement of professional licensing requirements and standards in professions and occupations related to medicine and health care by:

- (1) Requiring the Regulated Industries Complaints Office to establish a division that specializes in the investigation of medical cases involving professions and occupations regulated by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; and
- (2) Appropriating funds for five full-time equivalent field investigators who specialize in medical cases within the Regulated Industries Complaints Office.

The Regulated Industries Complaints Office testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2070, to facilitate further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests that the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce consider replacing one of the field investigator positions for which funds are appropriated in this measure with a staff attorney position to aid in the prosecution of licensing and other violations related to medical cases.

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 H.B. No. 1627, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1627, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1627	Committee HLT,	Referral:	IV Date:	2/3/2014	,
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
HLT Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)					
2. CREAGAN, Richard P	. (VC)				
3. HASHEM, Mark J.		/			
4. JORDAN, Jo					
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertran	ıd			ţ.	
6. MORIKAWA, Dee					
7. OSHIRO, Marcus R.		/			
8. FUKUMOTO CHANG	Beth				:
9. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.	-	/			-
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TOTAL (9)	9			
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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