

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 8, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1627
H.D. 1

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



