

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 8, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1755

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. 1755
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve patient access to
medical care by clarifying the role of advanced practice
registered nurses with regard to their authority to practice
within their full scope of practice, including as primary care
providers, in the State.

The Department of Health, Board of Nursing, Hawaii Pacific
Health, Hawai'i State Center for Nursing, and several individuals
testified in support of this measure. The Department of Labor and
Industrial Relations, Hawaii Academy of Physician Assistants,
Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses, and an individual
commented on this measure.

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.
1755 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to
your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.



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

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DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



