

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 17, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 584
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 584
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST HEALTH CARE
PERSONNEL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to extend the legal
protections currently afforded to healthcare workers who are
assaulted in emergency departments to workers in other healthcare
settings. Specifically, this measure makes it an assault in the
second degree to intentionally or knowingly cause bodily injury to
any medical services provider who is in the performance of duty in
a hospital, medical clinic, or federally qualified health center.

The Hawaii Primary Care Association, The Queen's Health
Systems, and an individual testified in support of this measure.
An individual testified in opposition to this measure. Kaiser
Permanente and Healthcare Association of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the extension of legal protection to
medical services providers does not apply to patients in
a hospital, medical clinic, or federally qualified
health center;

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- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 584, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 584, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



