

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 22, 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2669
S.D. 1
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 Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2669, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOCIAL WORKERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the supervision requirements for licensure of clinical social workers, including by permitting the option to fulfill all or part of the face-to-face supervision requirements through a video conference service that is compliant with all federal and state privacy, security, and confidentiality laws.

The Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women; National Association of Social Workers, Hawaii Chapter; and Hawaii Women's Coalition supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that supervision conducted electronically through a video conference service shall be elected in collaboration with the supervisor and conducted via a system that is compliant with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act;



- (2) Specifying that the applicant is responsible for determining the impact of electronic supervision on the applicant's eligibility for licensure by endorsement in other states; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2669, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2669, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,



DEE MORIKAWA, Chair



