

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 17, 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2672
S.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 S.B. No. 2672, S.D. 1, 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 circumstances under which advanced practice registered nurses may practice to the fullest extent of their training and education. Specifically, this measure amends various statutes related to prescription drugs, emergency mental health exams, determination of cause of death, workers' compensation, and nursing to accurately reflect the existing roles and scope of practice of advanced practice registered nurses.

The Department of Health; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; Board of Nursing; Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses; Hawai'i Pacific Health; and several concerned individuals supported this measure. Two concerned individuals provided comments.

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 S.B. No. 2672, S.D. 1, 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,



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



