

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2490

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 23 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2862

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred S.B. No. 2862 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NURSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow the Board
of Nursing to more fully participate in Nursys, a national nurse
licensee database, by sharing license and disciplinary action
information.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Board of Nursing; University of Hawai'i at Manoa School of
Nursing and Dental Hygiene; Hawai'i State Center for Nursing;
Hawai'i Pacific Health; Prime Care Services Hawaii, Incorporated;
American Organization of Nurse Executives, Hawaii Chapter; Bradley
Kuo, LLC; and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that Nursys is a national nurse license
database operated by the National Council of State Boards of
Nursing. Hawaii is one of four states that do not fully
participate in Nursys. Currently, the Board of Nursing submits
disciplinary action to Nursys. If a Hawaii-licensed nurse is also
licensed in another state, the other state is immediately notified
of that disciplinary action. Your Committee further finds that
Hawaii's inability to fully participate in Nursys makes it
difficult for other states to verify a nurse's license status and
may jeopardize consumer protection if the Board of Nursing does
not receive timely notices of disciplinary actions taken in other
states. Accordingly, this measure allows the Board to fully

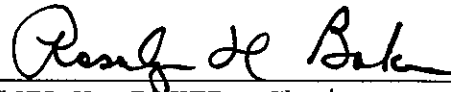
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participate in Nursys by sharing license information, which will enable Hawaii to be timely notified of disciplinary actions taken in another state against a Hawaii licensee. This measure will also enable individual nurses to have their Hawaii nurse licenses verified almost immediately, thus streamlining the verification process and alleviating some of the workload for Board of Nursing staff.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2862 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Health,




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2862	CPH	2-17-16		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				/
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	5			2
Recommendation:				
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