

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2015

RE: S.B. No. 790  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 790  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROVIDER ORDERS FOR LIFE-  
SUSTAINING TREATMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase access  
to provider orders for life-sustaining treatment by expanding  
health care provider signatory authority to include physician  
assistants.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawaii Medical Service Association, Hawaii Academy of  
Physician Assistants, and one individual. Your Committee received  
comments on this measure from Hospice Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Act 154, Session Laws of Hawaii  
2014, codified as chapter 327K, Hawaii Revised Statutes, enables  
patients or their surrogates to create provider orders for life-  
sustaining treatment. Provider orders for life-sustaining  
treatment, also referred to as POLST, is a holistic method of  
planning for end-of-life care and a specific set of medical orders  
that ensure patients' wishes are honored. Completing a POLST form  
encourages communication and conversations between patients and  
health care providers.

Your Committee further finds that the national standard for  
authorized health care provider signatories includes licensed

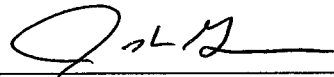


physicians, physician assistants, and advanced practice registered nurses. However, chapter 327K, Hawaii Revised Statutes, limits POLST to licensed physicians and advanced practice registered nurses. This creates a barrier to timely completion of POLST, especially in rural areas or on the neighbor islands.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting language to rename "physician orders for life-sustaining treatment" to "provider orders for life-sustaining treatment" to reflect Act 154, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, and making similar technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 790, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 790, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

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



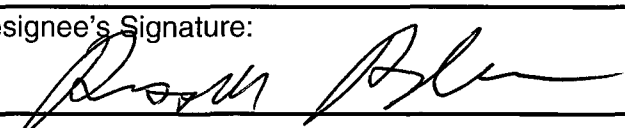
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JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 790</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HTH, CPN</b>	Date: <b>2/4/15</b>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, Josh (C)	X			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	X			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.		X		
GABBARD, Mike	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
SLOM, Sam		X		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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