

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 946

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred S.B. No. 946 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY TO ADJUST
PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING FEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to update the
existing authority of the Department of Commerce and Consumer
Affairs to adjust licensing fees, subject to the approval of the
Governor, to include:

- (1) Six licensing regulatory areas that are currently not
referenced in section 92-28, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
and
- (2) All future licensing regulatory areas specifically and
statutorily assigned to the Department of Commerce and
Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Hawaii Chapter of
the American Physical Therapy Association.

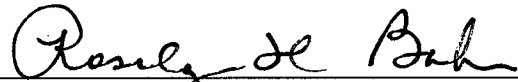
Your Committee finds that since 2007, six new licensing areas
have been added to the Professional and Vocational Licensing
Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs for
regulation. These new licensing areas include athletic trainers,
behavior analysts, mixed martial arts, respiratory therapists,



uniform athlete agents, and veterinary technicians. By authorizing the Department to adjust licensing fees for these licensing areas and any future licensing regulatory areas assigned to the Department, the Department will be able to increase or decrease fees for all licensees across professional and vocational areas under its jurisdiction. Your Committee notes that this measure merely updates the statutes to include the new and potential future licensing areas and does not establish new fees.

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. 946 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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<i>SB 946</i>	<i>CPH, NAM</i>	<i>2/14/17</i>		
<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)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
TOTAL	<i>6</i>			<i>1</i>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i>				
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