

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 27 2017

RE: S.B. No. 984  
H.D. 1  
C.D. 1

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

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 984, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
PHYSICIAN,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of "physician" under the workers' compensation law to include an advanced practice registered nurse.

Your Committee on Conference finds that section 323-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires each hospital within the State to allow advanced practice registered nurses to practice within the full scope of their practice, including as primary care providers. Your Committee on Conference also finds that advanced practice registered nurses are recognized as participating primary health care providers for insurance purposes under the State's insurance code. However, Hawaii's workers' compensation law omits advanced practice



registered nurses from the definition of physician. Amending this definition is necessary to authorize increased participation by advanced practice registered nurses and recognize appropriately trained advanced practice registered nurses as primary care providers under workers' compensation to enable improved access to health care services, expedite the processing of paperwork, and provide optimal care at the initial point of access for injured workers, especially in rural and underserved areas.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 984, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 984, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

*D. Holt*

DANIEL HOLT  
Co-Chair

*T. Takumi*

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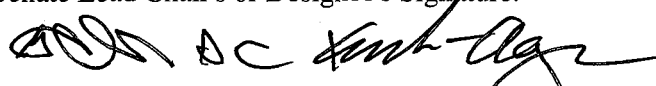

ROSALYN H. BAKER  
Co-Chair



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Record of Votes of a  
Conference Committee

Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: <b>SB 984, HD 1</b>					Date/Time: <b>4/20/17 2:01 PM</b>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).									
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.									
<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure					<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.				
Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C., Chr.	✓				HOLT, Daniel, Co-Chr.	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H., Co-Chr.	✓				TAKUMI, Roy M., Co-Chr.	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓				YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
					MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
A = Aye		WR = Aye with Reservations			N = Nay		E = Excused		
Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted					House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 					House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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