

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 8, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1966
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Intrastate Commerce, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1966 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MASSAGE THERAPY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to exempt persons who specialize in only foot, hand, and outer ear manipulation, including the practice of reflexology and foot zone therapy, from the requirements of licensure for massage therapists.

Many concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Regulated Industries Complaints Office and Board of Massage Therapy provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Exempting establishments that specialize in only foot, hand, and outer ear manipulation from requirements to obtain a massage therapy establishment license to practice; provided that the clients remain fully clothed;
- (2) Providing that persons and establishments exempt from licensure shall also be exempted from the advertising regulations for massage therapists;



- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Intrastate Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1966, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1966, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Intrastate
Commerce,



TAKASHI OHNO, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Intrastate Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1966	Committee Referral: IAC, CPC	Date: 1/31/18		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
IAC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. OHNO, Takashi (C)	✓			
2. CHOY, Isaac W. (VC)	✓			
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
4. FUKUMOTO, Beth	✓			
5. ITO, Ken			✓	
6. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.	✓			
7. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
8. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				✓
9. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
10. WARD, Gene				✓
TOTAL (10)	7		1	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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