

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 9, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2271
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 Health & Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2271 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the licensure requirements for individuals engaged in the practice of behavior analysis in a school setting. This measure also extends the licensing exemption for direct support workers who provide behavior analysis services in schools.

The Department of Education, Daniel K. Inouye Elementary School, Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO, Hawaii Psychological Association, and some individuals testified in support of this measure. Aloha Behavioral Associates, LLC., Autism Behavior Consulting Group, Hawaii Association for Behavior Analysis, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, Hawaii State Teachers Association, and numerous individuals testified in opposition. The Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and an individual provided comments.

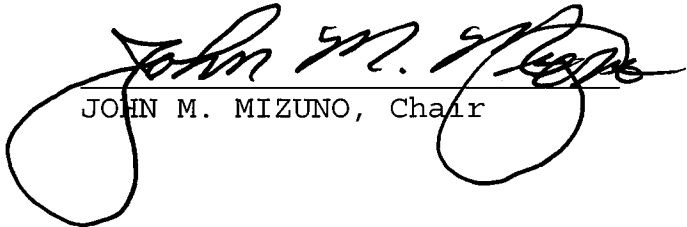


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the preamble to reflect the definition of behavior analysis and the legislative history of behavior analysis regulation in this State;
- (2) Removing the language clarifying the licensure requirements for individuals engaged in the practice of behavior analysis in a school setting;
- (3) Extending the exemption from licensure for direct support workers who provide behavioral analysis under supervision in schools to July 1, 2021; and
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to promote further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2271, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2271, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Intrastate Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health & Human
Services,


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



