

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 9, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2578  
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. 2578 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require physician assistants to meet continuing education requirements as a condition of license renewal and to prohibit the Hawaii Medical Board from additionally requiring repeated passage of a certification examination upon each renewal.

Hawaii Medical Association, American Academy of Physician Assistants, and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. The Hawaii Medical Board provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to further continued discussion.

Your Committee notes that amendments from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) to this measure were not received by your Committee. As such, should this measure proceed further in the legislative process, your Committee requests that DCCA provide amendments to the Committee on Intrastate Commerce to support continued deliberation on this measure.



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. 2578, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2578, 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



