

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 179

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 8, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1363  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Intrastate Commerce, to which  
was referred H.B. No. 1363 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NURSES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to adopt the Nurse Licensure  
Compact, a multi-state compact that:

- (1) Allows nurses licensed in other participating states to  
practice in the State without obtaining a separate state  
license; and
- (2) Establishes Hawaii's participation in an interstate  
commission to oversee the administration and  
implementation of the Compact.

The U.S. Department of Defense and two individuals testified  
in support of this measure. The Department of Commerce and  
Consumer Affairs' Regulated Industries Complaints Office,  
University of Hawai'i School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Board  
of Nursing, and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME  
Local 152, AFL-CIO provided comments on this measure.



Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing language adopting the Nurse Licensure Compact into State law;
- (2) Establishing a task force to be convened by the chairs of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health to identify potential issues that would arise from joining the Nurse Licensure Compact;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to promote further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees note the concerns raised by both the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' Regulated Industries Complaints Office and the Board of Nursing regarding issues of enforcement, discipline, and the unknown fiscal impacts that may arise if the State joins the compact. Your Committees also note that thirty-one states have already joined this compact. Your Committees are particularly concerned about the legislative powers granted to the interstate commission created by this compact.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Intrastate Commerce that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1363, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1363, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Health and  
Intrastate Commerce,

  
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TARASHI OHNO, Chair

  
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JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair





