

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 252
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred H.B. No. 252 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPEECH PATHOLOGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a
provisional license for speech pathologists.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology, Healthcare
Association of Hawaii, Hawai'i Speech-Language-Hearing Association,
and fifteen individuals.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is experiencing a shortage
of speech-language pathologists and is one of the few states that
do not provide a provisional license to clinical fellows who are
transitioning from speech-language pathology students to
providers. Provisional licenses are important because speech-
language pathologists must complete a clinical fellowship for one
year to obtain their Certificate of Clinical Competence. Without
a provisional license, speech-language pathology fellows cannot
bill Medicare and some other insurance providers for patient
services provided under direct supervision of a licensed speech-
language pathologist. This results in fewer Hawaii-based
opportunities for fellows, who then often go to the mainland for
their training. This measure will provide more opportunities in



Hawaii for speech-language pathology students to get training and help increase access to needed services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that a licensed speech pathologist must be in good standing with the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology as a requirement to supervise a provisional licensee; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 252, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 252, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Health,




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
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HB 252	CPH	3/14/19		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
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