

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

774

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 701

H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 701
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PHYSICAL THERAPY PRACTICE
ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand the scope of
practice for physical therapists to allow them perform dry
needling techniques and therapies.

The Board of Physical Therapy, the Queen's Health Systems,
American Physical Therapy Association-Hawaii Chapter, Hana Lima
Physical Therapy, Oncology Rehab, AccessSurf, Arizona School of
Health Sciences-A. T. Still University, and numerous individuals
testified in support of this measure. The Board of Acupuncture,
Molokai Acupuncture & Massage, Hilo Bay Acupuncture Clinic,
Institute of Clinical Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, Acuplan
Hawaii, East 2 West Integrative Medicine, Kailua Acupuncture
Clinic, Hawaii Acupuncture Association, and numerous individuals
testified in opposition to this measure. The American Physical
Therapy Association and Kinetacore provided comments.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language authorizing the practice of dry needling and inserting new language authorizing a study on the appropriateness of expanding of the scope of practice for physical therapists to include dry needling, to be performed by the Legislative Reference Bureau;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to promote further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 701, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 701, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



