

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **753**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 28 2019**

RE: S.B. No. 385  
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 S.B. No. 385 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL  
LICENSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal defaults  
on student loans, student loan repayment contracts, and  
scholarship contracts as grounds for sanctioning professional and  
vocational licensees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the American Nurses Association in Hawaii. Your Committee  
received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce  
and Consumer Affairs.

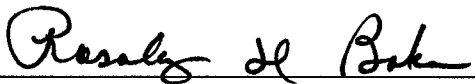
Your Committee finds that Hawaii is one of only several  
states that allow the denial, revocation, or suspension of a  
professional or vocational license based on student loan defaults.  
This means that a licensee who has incurred tens of thousands of  
dollars of debt for a professional degree and passed all  
subsequent licensing examinations could be barred from practicing,  
making any prospect of repayment even more difficult. This  
measure aligns Hawaii with the majority of states by repealing  
student loan defaults as grounds for a license denial, suspension,  
or revocation.



Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 S.B. No. 385, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 385, 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,

  
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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 385	CPH	2/21/19		
<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)	✓			
KEOHOKALOOLE, Jarrett	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	4			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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