

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **373**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2019

RE: S.B. No. 307

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. 307 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,
Hale Ho'ola Hamakua Critical Access Hospital, Oahu Speech Language
Pathology Consultants, and over forty individuals.

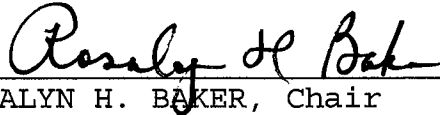
Your Committee finds that Hawaii is one of the few states
that do not provide a provisional license to clinical fellows who
are transitioning from a speech-language pathology student to a
provider. When clinical fellows are not licensed, they are often
not recognized as qualified clinicians for the purposes of
reimbursement and are therefore unable to bill Medicare and most
insurance companies. This results in a shortage of speech
pathologists, delaying needed services, and a lack of job
opportunities in the State for clinical fellows after graduating
from accredited universities. Of particular concern is that
Hawaii is losing talented graduates, who wish to stay in the State
and provide service to the community, but who must relocate to the
mainland to seek job opportunities not available in Hawaii. This



measure establishes a provisional license for clinical fellows to practice under the guidance of an American Speech-Language-Hearing Association certified supervisor while they pursue their permanent licensure requirements, which will provide more employment opportunities for recent graduates and help to alleviate Hawaii's speech pathologist shortage.

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. 307 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

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| Bill / Resolution No.:* | Committee Referral: | Date: | | |
| SB307 | CPH, WAM | 2/7/19 | | |
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 | <input 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 | | | | ✓ |
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