

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 04 2019

RE: S.B. No. 810

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. 810 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish biennial requirements for forty credit hours in specified continuing medical education programs for renewal of physician assistant licenses, beginning with the renewal for the licensing biennium on February 1, 2020;
- (2) Authorize the Hawaii Medical Board to conduct random document audits to enforce compliance; and
- (3) Specify conditions for forfeiture and reinstatement of a physician assistant license.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Medical Board, Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii Academy of Physician Assistants, and thirteen individuals.

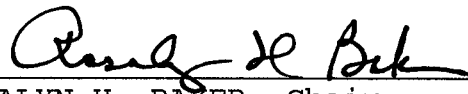
Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Medical Board currently requires that physician assistants maintain certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants for license renewal. This is overly burdensome and has contributed to



the shortage of quality health care workers in the State. Your Committee further finds that the trend amongst regulatory boards is to require physician assistants to obtain only continuing medical education for license renewal. This measure brings parity between the license renewal requirements for physician assistants and physicians and requires physician assistants to submit proof of forty hours of specified continuing medical education which will ensure that compliance and quality are maintained amongst licensees.

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. 810 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**  
**CPH**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 810	CPH, JDC	1/31/19
<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)	✓	
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓	
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓	
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓	
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	7	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
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