

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1772

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 19 2021

RE: H.C.R. No. 123
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 123, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A WORKING GROUP TO DETERMINE THE GAPS IN ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND THE POTENTIAL ROLE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES MAY PLAY IN ADDRESSING THESE GAPS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request that the Board of Nursing and Hawaii Medical Board convene a working group to determine the gaps in access to health care and the potential role advanced practice registered nurses may play in addressing these gaps.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from AlohaCare and The Queen's Health Systems. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the University of Hawai'i System, Board of Nursing, Hawaii Medical Board, and Hawai'i State Center for Nursing.

Your Committees find that there is a physician shortage in the State that often leaves rural communities with challenges to health care access. Your Committees further find that the



Legislature is considering legislation to expand the scope of practice for advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants; however, there is a need to clearly define the differences between physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and physician assistants and what each profession's scope of practice in Hawaii should be. This measure requests the convening of a working group to determine how advanced practice registered nurses could increase access to health care throughout the State.

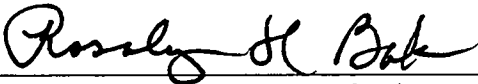
Your Committees recognize the testimonies of the Board of Nursing and Hawaii Medical Board, both of which expressed preference for the language contained in H.C.R. No. 124 but which was not set for hearing. Therefore, your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents and inserting the contents of H.C.R. No. 124, H.D. 1, a substantially similar measure which requests the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct an analysis of advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants;
- (2) Replacing the Legislative Reference Bureau with the University of Hawaii School of Nursing & Dentistry as the agency to conduct the analysis;
- (3) Amending its title to reflect its amended purpose; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 123, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 123, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.



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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair

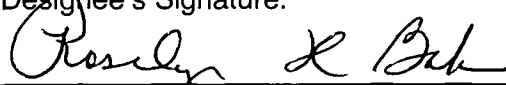


JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HCR 123 HDI	HTH/CPN	4-9-2021		
<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
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	-	-	-
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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