STAND. COM. REP. NO.

617

Honolulu, Hawaii

## MAR 0 4 2021

RE: S.B. No. 1150 S.D. 1

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

## Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 1150, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SKILLED NURSING FACILITY LICENSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow the Department of Health to accept accreditation or certification of a skilled nursing facility by a nationally recognized accreditation or certification organizations; and
- (2) Exempt skilled nursing facilities from a licensing inspection on a continuing basis, provided they meet certain requirements.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that The Joint Commission and other nationally recognized accrediting agencies have certification standards that are more stringent than those required by state law. Your Committee further finds that authorizing the Department of Health to recognize these accreditation and certification reviews to establish a facility's compliance with all licensing



requirements of the State will allow the Department of Health more resources to continue its regulatory oversight responsibilities for licensing purposes, while also permitting the Department's Office of Healthcare Assurance to deploy staffing resources to other equally important investigations and surveys.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1150, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair

## The Senate Thirty-First Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection CPN

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  If so, then the previous decision was to:						
The Recommendation is:						
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313						
Members		Aye	Aye (W	R) N	lay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)						
CHANG, Stanley (VC)		/				
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.						
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.						
RIVIERE, Gil						
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A	١.					
FEVELLA, Kurt						
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TOTAL		7				
Recommendation:  Adopted Not Adopted						
Chair's or Designee's Signature:  Chair's or Designee's Signature:						
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