

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3463

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 24 2022**

RE: H.B. No. 1575  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1575, H.D. 2, 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) Expand the scope of practice for physician assistants;  
and
- (2) Require a sampling of medical records, rather than all medical records, to be reviewed when physician assistants prescribe controlled substances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Disability and Communication Access Board, Hawaii Medical Board, Hawai'i Pacific Health, Hawai'i Academy of Physician Assistants, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, The Queen's Health System, Hawai'i Public Health Association, and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Grassroot Institute of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the State has a severe shortage of doctors, particularly on the neighbor islands. Utilizing physician assistants is a viable option to manage this physician



shortage. Your Committee also finds that physician assistants are skilled medical providers and are authorized to serve as primary care providers. Expanding physician assistants' scope of practice would provide access to health care workers in areas where they are most needed while maintaining a high standard of care for patients. This measure expands the scope of practice for physician assistants.

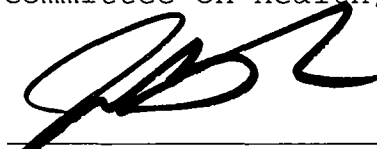
Your Committee acknowledges the testimony of several stakeholders proposing amendments clarifying the Hawaii Medical Board's authority to require when a physician assistant's medical records must be reviewed.

Therefore, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the Hawaii Medical Board's authority to require when a physician assistant's medical records must be reviewed;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) 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 Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1575, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1575, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,



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JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-First Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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<b>HB1575 HD2</b>	<b>HTH, CPN/WAM</b>	<b>3-14-2022</b>

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312     
 Pass, with amendments 2311     
 Hold 2310     
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Recommendation:     
 Adopted     
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  
*Rosalyn H. Baker*

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