

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 302

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred H.B. No. 302, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED
NURSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize advanced practice registered nurses to certify
whether a person is totally disabled for purposes of the
income tax code;
- (2) Authorize advanced practice registered nurses with
psychiatric specializations to make capacity
determinations for the purposes of advance mental health
care directives; and
- (3) Add advanced practice registered nurses with psychiatric
specializations as primary providers in advance mental
health care directives.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing, Hawai'i Nurses'
Association, Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses, Hawai'i -
American Nurses Association, The Queen's Health Systems, and six

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individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation, Board of Nursing, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that advanced practice registered nurses are currently permitted to practice to the full scope of their authorized practice, including practicing as primary care providers. However, certain sections of state law do not include advanced practice registered nurses within the scope of primary care providers for the purposes of disability determinations under the state income tax code or for advance mental health care directives. This measure is intended to amend state law to be in conformity with the current scope of practice for advanced practice registered nurses, which will improve access to care for Hawaii consumers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 302, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



