

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2067**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 04 2022**

RE: S.B. No. 2276  
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 S.B. No. 2276  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ACUPUNCTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make  
comprehensive updates to chapter 436E, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
regarding acupuncture practitioners to reflect modernized scopes  
of practice, titles, and licensing and renewal requirements,  
including thirty hours of continuing education per licensing  
biennium.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Board of Acupuncture; Hawaii Acupuncture Association;  
Longevity Health Center Ltd.; AcuPlan Hawaii; Institute of  
Clinical Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, Inc.; and twenty-two  
individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to  
this measure from the Hawaii Medical Association, American Academy  
of Medical Acupuncture, and five individuals. Your Committee  
received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that existing law regulating  
acupuncturists and the acupuncture profession have not been  
updated in over twenty years. Since that time, standards in  
national certifications and accredited education programs for  
acupuncture have evolved. This measure makes comprehensive



updates to the State's acupuncture licensing law to reflect modernized scopes of practice, titles, and licensing and renewal requirements.


Your Committee acknowledges the testimony of the Board of Acupuncture (Board), which noted that the measure's current implementation date of January 1, 2023, does not provide the Board or the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs sufficient time to prepare for the new requirements. Your Committee also acknowledges the Board's concerns that the amendments to the Board's powers are unclear and that the added provisions are better left to administrative rulemaking.

Therefore, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Moving this measure's implementation date from January 1, 2023, to July 1, 2023;
- (2) Deleting section 9 of this measure, which amends the Board's powers and duties;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) 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 S.B. No. 2276, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2276, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

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

**Record of Votes  
Committee on Health  
HTH**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2276</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HTH, CPN</b>	Date: <b>1-31-2022</b>		
<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 H. (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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