STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2129

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2442 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. 2442 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 streamline the records review process for physician assistants by including review of physician assistants' prescriptions for controlled substances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, Hawai'i Academy of Physician Assistants, Hawaii Medical Board, and twelve individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the State faces a critical physician shortage, with Maui and Hawaii counties having the most severe shortages. The physician shortage has resulted in an increase in physician assistant practice throughout the State. However, Hawaii has some of the most restrictive physician assistant practice in the country. Under existing law, a supervising physician must review all medical records of a physician assistant that contain written orders or prescriptions for controlled substances. Your Committee finds that this is an overly burdensome administrative requirement that can be



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alleviated without compromising patient care. This measure streamlines the records review process for physician assistants by including review of physician assistants' prescriptions for controlled substances.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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. 2442, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2442, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Judiciary.

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

JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



The Senate Thirty-First Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Health HTH

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:			Date:	
SB2442	HTH, CPN / JDC			2-2-	2022
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 (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)		V			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)		V			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.		\checkmark			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.					
FEVELLA, Kurt					
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TOTAL		5			
Recommendation:					
Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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