

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2442
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and
Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2442, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to streamline the
medical records review process for physician assistants by
including the review of prescriptions for controlled substances
issued by physician assistants.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawai'i Medical Board, Hawai'i Academy of Physician's
Assistants, Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i, and Hawai'i Public Health
Association. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to
this measure from one individual.

Your Committees find that the State has an unmet need for
over seven hundred full time physicians across the State with
neighbor islands facing the most severe shortages. Your
committees find that in order to address the physician shortage,
physician's assistants should be permitted to practice at the top
of their training, education, experience, and licensure. Your
Committees further find that requiring a supervising physician to
review all medical records that contain written orders or
prescriptions for controlled substances is unnecessarily
burdensome. This measure streamlines the medical records review



process for physician assistants by including review of prescriptions for controlled substances issued by physician assistants and helps to bring Hawai'i physician assistants' scope of practice into alignment with national practices.

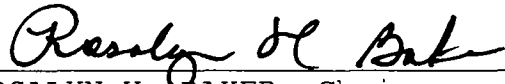
Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2442, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2442, S.D. 2.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



