

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 795  
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 795  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE LICENSING  
OF HOME CARE AGENCIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make an  
appropriation to the Department of Health for staffing and other  
initial costs necessary to begin the licensing process for home  
care agencies.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Health, Healthcare Association of Hawaii,  
and the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs Legislative  
Committee.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Health's intent  
is for licensing fees charged to home care agencies to cover the  
administrative costs associated with licensing. However, initial  
funding is needed to start the licensing process so that these  
fees can be collected. This measure will provide critical first  
year funding.

Based on testimony received, your Committee learned that the  
Department of Health is still collaborating with home care  
agencies, consumer advocates, and other stakeholders to draft  
necessary administrative rules to implement the licensing of home



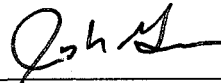
care agencies pursuant to Act 21, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing inaccurate language indicating that the Department of Health has already approved administrative rules to implement Act 21, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion of this measure.

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. 795, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 795, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



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JOSH GREEN, M.D., Chair



