

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 21, 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2577
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2577, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require, beginning December 31, 2017, naturopathic physicians to complete a minimum of 35 hours of continuing education courses, including a minimum of 15 hours of continuing education courses in pharmacology, during each licensing renewal biennium.

The Board of Naturopathic Medicine, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Medical Association, and several individuals supported this measure. An individual opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2150, to facilitate further discussion.

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. 2577, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2577, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



