

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1333

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 07 2015

RE: H.B. No. 354
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 354, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NURSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to, beginning with the July 1, 2017, licensing biennium, require licensed registered nurses and licensed practical nurses to submit evidence of completed continuing competency requirements prior to the renewal of the license.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Board of Nursing; Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; University of Hawai'i at Manoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene; Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses; Hawai'i Pacific Health; Pali Momi Medical Center; Wilcox Memorial Hospital; Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and six individuals.

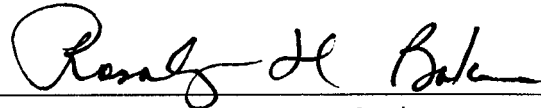
Your Committee finds that nurses are critical to the successful implementation of health care reform in Hawaii. Continuing competency plays a significant role in nursing professionals' ongoing development and ensures that these health care professionals are able to engage in life-long learning to maintain safe, high quality, proficient care for the betterment of



the patients they serve. Your Committee further finds that this measure benefits licensed registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and their patients by requiring completion of continuing competency requirements prior to any application for license renewal, restoration, or reinstatement.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 354, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 354 HD2 SD1	HTH, CPN	4-1-15		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)				✓
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	5			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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