

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 9, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 354

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 354
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NURSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require all non-exempt
licensed registered nurses and licensed practical nurses to
complete continuing competency requirements prior to submitting an
application for license renewal, restoration, or reinstatement,
beginning July 1, 2017.

The University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Nursing & Dental
Hygiene, Hawaii State Center for Nursing, Hawaii Pacific Health,
Pali Momi Medical Center, Kapiolani Medical Center for Women &
Children, Straub Clinic & Hospital, Wilcox Memorial Hospital,
American Organization of Nurse Executives Hawaii, and several
individuals supported this measure. The Board of Nursing and an
individual commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to
facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity,
consistency, and style.



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 H.B. No. 354, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 354, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

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