

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 19, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1756
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1756, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NURSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure safe and quality nursing services for patients statewide by:

- (1) Requiring all nurse licensure applicants and nurse license renewal applicants to comply with state and federal criminal history record checks; and
- (2) Authorizing the Board of Nursing to develop and adopt rules to implement the required criminal history record checks.

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Hawai'i Pacific Health, the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing, Prime Care Services Hawaii, Inc., the American Organization of Nurse Executives, Hawaii Chapter, and one individual testified in support of this measure. The Board of Nursing testified in support of the intent of this measure. One individual testified in opposition.

Your Committee has amended this measure by requiring that:

- (1) The Board of Nursing conduct an investigation of the applicant's background, character, competency, and



integrity and request criminal history records of the applicant or licensee; and

- (2) The Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center provide criminal history records to the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs on request.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1756, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1756, H.D. 2.

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



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



