



GOV. MSG. NO. 1114

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

April 25, 2016

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on April 25, 2016, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2341 SD1

RELATING TO RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS  
**ACT 014 (16)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that chapter 466D, Hawaii  
2 Revised Statutes, establishes the regulation of respiratory  
3 therapists, which is set to repeal on June 30, 2016.  
4 Furthermore, pursuant to chapter 26H, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
5 the auditor is required to evaluate newly enacted occupational  
6 regulatory programs prior to each board's, commission's, or  
7 regulatory program's repeal date.

8           The legislature further finds that an auditor's report from  
9 June 2015 finds that the regulation of respiratory therapists is  
10 reasonably necessary to protect the health and safety of  
11 consumers. The findings also note that licensure of respiratory  
12 therapists is consistent with other health-related occupations,  
13 such as doctors and nurses, and is warranted because consumers'  
14 health and safety may be jeopardized by the nature of services  
15 offered by respiratory therapists. Furthermore, every state  
16 except Alaska regulates respiratory therapists.

17           The purpose of this Act is to make permanent the regulation  
18 of respiratory therapists under chapter 466D, Hawaii Revised



1 Statutes, which will ensure the health and safety of Hawaii  
2 residents and visitors.

3 SECTION 2. Section 26H-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "§26H-4 Repeal dates for newly enacted professional and  
6 vocational regulatory programs. (a) Any professional or  
7 vocational regulatory program enacted after January 1, 1994, and  
8 listed in this section shall be repealed as specified in this  
9 section. The auditor shall perform an evaluation of the  
10 program, pursuant to section 26H-5, prior to its repeal date.

11 ~~[(b) Chapter 466D (respiratory therapists) shall be  
12 repealed on June 30, 2016.~~

13 ~~+(e)]~~ (b) Chapter 436H (athletic trainers) shall be  
14 repealed on June 30, 2018.

15 ~~+(d)]~~ (c) Chapter 465D (behavior analysts) shall be  
16 repealed on June 30, 2021."

17 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2016.

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APPROVED this 25 day of APR, 2016



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII