

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3459

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2018

RE: S.C.R. No. 135  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,  
to which was referred S.C.R. No. 135 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF  
PHARMACY TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE CURRENT  
SCOPE OF PRACTICE, LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, AND CONTINUING  
EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACISTS AND CONSIDER WHETHER  
THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND CORRESPONDING LICENSING  
REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACISTS SHOULD BE ENHANCED,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Board of Pharmacy to convene a working group to review the current  
scope of practice, licensing requirements, and continuing  
education requirements for pharmacists and consider whether the  
scope of practice and corresponding licensing requirements for  
pharmacists should be enhanced.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, University of  
Hawai'i at Hilo, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities  
of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Walgreen Co., Hawaii  
Pharmacists Association, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and  
two individuals.

Your Committee finds that pharmacists are vital members of a  
primary health care team. Although traditionally, pharmacists'



scope of practice included dispensing prescription medications, advancements in technology, increased pharmacy education, and legislatively-expanded scope of practice requirements have enabled pharmacists to have more direct access to patients. In addition to dispensing medications, pharmacists now provide immunizations, wellness screenings, routine laboratory tests, and routine drug therapy-related patient assessment procedures. Pharmacists are also often the last point of contact a patient has with a medical professional, especially for those patients with chronic conditions requiring complex medication therapies.

Your Committee further finds that pharmacists should be permitted to practice at the top of their training. Increased pharmacy services and accessibility have even greater potential to enhance delivery of public health services throughout the State. However, to ensure consumer safety and appropriate delivery of health care services, it is important for the Board of Pharmacy to convene a working group of interested stakeholders, who can review the existing scope of practice, licensing requirements, and continuing education requirements for pharmacists and consider whether to enhance or expand these areas.

Your Committee notes that as pharmacists work collaboratively with licensed physicians, adding a physician member to the working group would be beneficial.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a representative from the Hawaii Medical Association to the working group; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 135, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 135, S.D. 1.



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




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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**  
**CPH**

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SCR 135	CPH	3/23/18		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)				/
CHANG, Stanley	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	6			1
Recommendation:				
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