

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 , 2020

RE: H.B. No. 1606

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1606 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the process for temporary licensure for military spouses in the State by:

- (1) Specifying the types of verifying documentation required for a military spouse to receive license by endorsement, license by reciprocity, or temporary license;
- (2) Requiring the applicant to submit verifying documentation within ninety days of the application for licensure by endorsement or by reciprocity;
- (3) Removing supervision requirements for military spouses as they relate to performance of services by military spouses under a temporary license;
- (4) Removing the requirement that the applicant hold a license that is substantially equivalent to or exceeds the licensing requirements of the State;



- (5) Requiring the issuance of the license by endorsement, license by reciprocity, or temporary license to a military spouse within thirty days of the application and supporting verifying documents; and
- (6) Requiring each licensing board to adopt and publish rules on their respective websites by August 1, 2020, to administer the law relating to licensure by endorsement or licensure by reciprocity for military spouses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from United States Army Garrison Hawaii, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, and four individuals. Your Committee received comments from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii National Guard, Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters, Land Pacific Research Partnership.

Your Committee finds that this measure is intended to streamline the licensing process for military spouses to enable them to expand and continue their professions while in the State and providing opportunities for them to contribute to Hawaii's workforce.

Among other concerns presented in the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' testimony, your Committee notes the Department's concern regarding the issuance of a temporary license to a military spouse within thirty days despite the requirement that supporting documentation for issuance of a license be provided within ninety days of the application. Your Committee is also unsure what the appropriate timeframe is to allow issuance of a temporary license to military spouses.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Excluding construction contracting services from the performance of services permitted under any license or temporary license issued to a military spouse;
- (2) Changing the ninety-day and thirty-day timeframes to unspecified timeframes;
- (3) Requiring that review or issuance of a license shall commence only upon receipt by the licensing authority of



all required verifying documents; as specified in this measure;

- (4) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1606, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1606, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Labor & Public  
Employment,

  
AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The THIRTIETH Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment**

| <b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b><br><span style="font-size: 18pt;">HB 1606</span>   | <b>Committee Referral:</b><br><span style="font-size: 18pt;">LAB, FIN</span> | <b>Date:</b><br><span style="font-size: 18pt;">02/13/2020</span> |      |         |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.  |  |  |      |         |
| <b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) |  |  |      |         |
| LAB Members  | Ayes   | Ayes (WR)  | Nays | Excused |
| 1. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (C)  | ✓  |  |      |         |
| 2. ELI, Stacelynn K.M. (VC)  | ✓  |  |      |         |
| 3. ICHIYAMA, Linda   | ✓  |  |      |         |
| 4. KITAGAWA, Lisa  | ✓  |  |      |         |
| 5. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.  |  | ✓  |      |         |
| 6. QUINLAN, Sean   | ✓  |  |      |         |
| 7. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.  | ✓  |  |      |         |
| 8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren   | ✓  |  |      |         |
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| <b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted   |  |  |      |         |
| If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.<br><span style="padding-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</span>   |  |  |      |         |
| <b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <span style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 18pt;">Stacelynn Eli</span>   |  |  |      |         |
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