

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2476

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred S.B. No. 2476 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize naturopathic physicians with the same authority as physicians and advanced practice registered nurses in regards to providing written certifications for qualified patients for the medical use of cannabis.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians, Kush Hawaii, Vitality Natural Medicine Clinic, Aloha Green Holding Inc., and twenty-one individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health, Department of Public Safety, Board of Naturopathic Medicine, and Akamai Cannabis Clinic.

Your Committee finds that although the State has taken many important steps to make medical cannabis available, further action is needed to ensure access. One way is to expand the scope of professionals who may provide written certification for qualifying patients to use medical cannabis. Authorizing naturopathic physicians to provide written certification for medical cannabis use to qualifying patients will increase patient access to medical



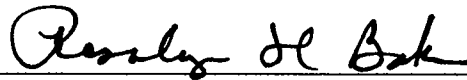
cannabis, which is limited by the number of physicians and advanced practice registered nurses actively certifying qualified patients.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2476, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2476, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Thirtieth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2476	Committee Referral: CPH, JDC / WAKA	Date: 1/31/20		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt		✓		
TOTAL	6	1		
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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