

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2878  
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2878, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MASSAGE THERAPY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to institute certain consumer protections with regard to massage therapy by:

- (1) Requiring the Board of Massage Therapy, rather than the Department of Health, to adopt and enforce sanitary rules for massage therapy establishments;
- (2) Repealing the penalty for unlicensed practice of massage therapy in favor of existing law that treats unlicensed activity as a misdemeanor; and
- (3) Increasing the fines for violations of the laws regulating massage therapy.

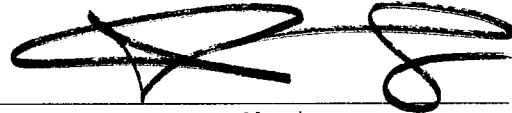
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Board of Massage Therapy and Hawaii Chapter of the American Massage Therapy Association.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your



Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2878, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Finance,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Luke', written over a horizontal line.

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



