

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 727

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 729

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 729 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED
NURSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify the role
of advanced practice registered nurses relating to emergency
hospital admission and involuntary hospitalization.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and one
individual.

Your Committee finds that in Hawaii, advanced practice
registered nurses are recognized as primary care providers and
should be permitted to practice to the full extent of their
education and training. In recognition of this, Act 232, Session
Laws of Hawaii 2013, added advanced practice registered nurses to
the list of mental health professionals qualified to diagnose
mental illness under section 334-59, Hawaii Revised Statutes
(HRS), relating to emergency hospitalization. However, additional
amendments relating to advanced practice registered nurses under
section 334-59, HRS, are necessary for consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report,
your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B.
No. 729 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



