

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 4, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1627
H.D. 3

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1627, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL INVESTIGATIONS BY THE REGULATED INDUSTRIES COMPLAINTS OFFICE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enhance the regulation and enforcement of professional licensing requirements and standards in professions and occupations involving medical issues and health care by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Regulated Industries Complaints Office to establish a division that specializes in the investigation of medical cases involving professions and occupations regulated by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; and
- (2) Appropriating funds for four full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) field investigators and one full-time equivalent (1.0) staff attorney who specialize in medical cases within the Regulated Industries Complaints Office.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Hawaii Medical Association testified in support of this measure.

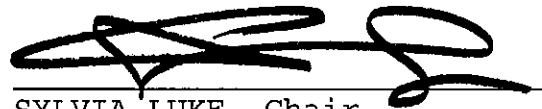


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making the number of field investigator and staff attorney positions funded by this measure an unspecified number;
- (2) Changing the means of financing for the positions funded by this measure from general funds to the Compliance Resolution Fund established under section 26-9(o), Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 1627, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1627, H.D. 3.

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


SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



