

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 599  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 599  
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require massage  
therapy licensees to complete twelve hours of continuing education  
every two years between the massage therapist's license renewals,  
beginning July 1, 2022. Two hours of the continuing education  
shall include first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or  
emergency-related courses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Board of Massage Therapy, Department of Commerce and  
Consumer Affairs; American Massage Therapy Association; and two  
individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to  
this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that requiring continuing education for  
licensed massage therapists will elevate the massage therapy  
profession to the highest standards of quality and safety. Your  
Committee also finds that twelve continuing education hours is a  
reasonable requirement for license renewal. Finally, your  
Committee finds that changing the implementation date from July 1,  
2022 to July 1, 2024 would allow the Board of Massage Therapy  
ample time to notify all affected licensed massage therapists of



the new continuing education requirement and for licensees to meet the requirements. As such, your Committee has amended this measure by amending the implementation date of the new requirements from July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2024.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 599, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 599, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

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



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JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312     
  Pass, with amendments 2311     
  Hold 2310     
  Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Recommendation:     
 Adopted     
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  
*Rosalyn H Baker*

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