

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3680

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 25 2008

RE: H.C.R. No. 164

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Health and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 164 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF ACT 226, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2007, ON NURSE AIDES WHO ARE EMPLOYED IN STATE-CERTIFIED OR STATE-LICENSED HEALTH CARE SETTINGS TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR THE LEGISLATURE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO AMEND ACT 226, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2007,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to conduct a study on the impact of Act 226, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007 (Act 226), on nurse aides who are employed in state-certified or state-licensed health care settings to provide a basis for the Legislature to decide whether to amend Act 226.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Healthcare Association of Hawaii and the Hawaii Long Term Care Association.

Your Committees find that Act 226 was enacted to provide for the certification and recertification of nurse aides who work in nursing facilities participating in Medicare and Medicaid programs and in other state-licensed and state-certified health care settings. Your Committees also find that Act 226 does not address the costs associated with the certification, recertification, and competency evaluation of the nurse aides in the State. This measure will provide the Legislature with needed information on

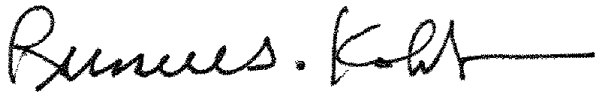
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the impact of Act 226 on nurses aides, as well as information on funding sources that may be used to cover the costs of services required by Act 226, including the costs of recertification and competency evaluation.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 164, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and
Commerce, Consumer Protection,
and Affordable Housing,



RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



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<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
MENOR, Ron				✓
WHALEN, Paul				✓
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center;"><i>David Y. Ige</i></div>				
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KOKUBUN, Russell S. (C)	✓			
IGE, David Y. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SAKAMOTO, Norman	✓			
TANIGUCHI, BRIAN T.				✓
TRIMBLE, Gordon	✓			
TOTAL	6			1

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Will Espino*

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