

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 16, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2063
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2063 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A LONG-TERM CARE RESOURCE INITIATIVE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to help develop an adequate long-term care workforce in Hawaii to address the State's long-term care needs.

Specifically, this bill establishes a long-term care resource program initiative at Kapiolani community college to expand the quality and quantity of the home- and community-based long-term care workforce, improve the support and training of family caregivers, and promote active aging. The program initiative is to be used as a model for other community colleges to establish similar programs. This bill requires Kapiolani community college to establish, no later than August 1, 2006, a working group representing the community colleges to provide support for resource sharing and collaboration and to report to the community colleges. Kapiolani community college is also required to propose a plan for statewide expansion of the program initiative and to report to the Legislature twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2007. Finally, this bill appropriates \$250,000 in fiscal year 2006-2007 for start-up expenses to establish the long-term care resource program initiative.



Your Committees received testimony in support of this bill from the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. The Dean of Health Science at Kapiolani community college testified in support of the intent of the bill.

Upon further consideration, your Committees have amended this bill by changing the appropriated amount from \$250,000 to \$1 for purposes of stimulating further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2063, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2063, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Health and Human Services,



ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



