

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 353 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 15, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2438

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2438
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOANS FOR HEALTH
PROFESSIONALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish in the Department
of Health the rural area health professionals loan fund that will
extend interest-free loans for residential purchases by qualified
licensed physicians and advance practice registered nurses in
qualified rural areas.

The Department of Health provided testimony in opposition to
this measure. The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation provided
testimony in strong support of this measure, indicating that the
measure would provide an outstanding incentive for physicians and
advance practice registered nurses to live and work in rural areas
of Hawaii where the physician specialist shortage is most severe.

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 H.B. No.
2438 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to
the Committee on Finance.



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



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



