

Honolulu, Hawaii

Apr 11, 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 123

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 123 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING TO CONDUCT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL LICENSURE EXAMINATION IN THE CITY OF MANILA IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to take a proactive approach to the recruitment of qualified nurses to fill the State's nursing shortage by requesting the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (Council) to establish a testing center in the Philippines, to allow nurses in that jurisdiction to take the National Council Licensure Examination that qualifies them to work as registered or practical nurses in Hawaii.

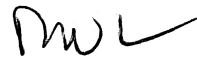
The Board of Nursing, Hawai'i Nurses' Association, and the Representative from the 38th district supported this bill.

Your Committee finds that the Council administers the licensing examination for nurses in several locations outside of the United States. The Council has recently expanded the number of these sites, however, they do not include the Philippines. If the licensing examination were offered in that country, nurses who take and pass the examination would be ready for employment in our hospitals as soon as they meet visa requirements.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 123 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



