

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 31, 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 22

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.C.R. No. 22
entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE
CENTER FOR NURSING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO INVESTIGATE
AND RECOMMEND WAYS TO ASSIST THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS
TO RELIEVE THE NURSING SHORTAGE AND ENSURE A CONTINUOUS,
ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF NURSES TO STAFF HOSPITALS AND OTHER
MEDICAL FACILITIES IN THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to improve
health care safety by addressing the critical shortage of nurses
in Hawaii. This concurrent resolution requests that the Hawaii
State Center for Nursing (HSCFN) at the University of Hawaii
investigate and recommend a multifaceted approach to ensure an
adequate and continuous number of nurses are available to staff
our health care facilities.

The University of Hawaii's School of Nursing and Dental
Hygiene, Hawaii Nurses Association, and HSCFN supported this
concurrent resolution. The Hawaii Government Employees
Association supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee finds that recruitment and retention of
registered nurses is critical in addressing this shortage of
nurses in our health care facilities and action must be taken.
HSCFN is optimally placed within our university system to
spearhead this initiative and succeed in this challenge to produce



a new generation of nurses in Hawaii who are strong in both their numbers and skills.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 22 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

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



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



