

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1739-06

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 13, 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 92
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 Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 92, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES TO RELAX RESTRICTIONS ON THE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY NONIMMIGRANT E2 AND E3 VISAS TO ALLOW GRADUATE NURSES TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAKING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR REGISTERED AND PRACTICAL NURSES, AND TO ALLOCATE MORE EMPLOYMENT VISAS TO INDIVIDUALS TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES TO WORK AS NURSES, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to address Hawaii's critical nursing shortage by requesting:

- (1) A relaxation of restrictions on temporary nonimmigrant visas for nurses taking the nursing examination; and
- (2) The allocation of more employment visas for nurses.

The Board of Nursing, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Immigration Network Services, Filipino Nurses' Organization of Hawaii, and a concerned individual supported this measure.

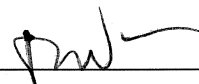
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Your Committee finds that Hawaii, like the rest of the nation, is facing an unprecedented shortage of nurses that is expected to become even more severe unless corrective measures are taken now. Relaxing immigration restrictions is one way in which more qualified nurses can be recruited to fill the need.

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. 92, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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



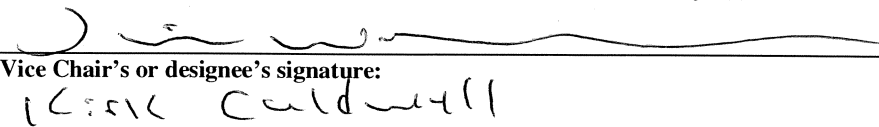
ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 92 HD 1		Date: 04/10/06		
Committee Referral: HLT/INT, CPC		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HERKES, Robert N. (C)	✓			
2. SCHATZ, Brian (VC)				✓
3. CALDWELL, Kirk	✓			
4. ITO, Ken	✓			
5. KANOHO, Ezra R.				✓
6. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki				✓
7. MORITA, Hermina M.	✓			
8. SONSON, Alex M.				✓
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.	✓			
10. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
11. STONEBRAKER, Bud				✓
TOTAL	6	0	0	5
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. _____ committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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