

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 31, 2006

RE: H.R. No. 15

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.R. No. 15  
entitled:

"HOUSE 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 resolution is to improve health care  
safety by addressing the critical shortage of nurses in Hawaii.  
This 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  
resolution. The Hawaii Government Employees Association supported  
the intent of this measure.

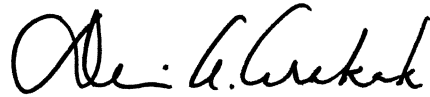
Your Committee finds that recruitment and retention of  
registered nurses is critical in addressing this shortage of  
nurses in our health care facilities and action must be taken.  
HSCFN is optimally placed within our university system to  
spearhead this initiative and succeed in this challenge 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.R. No. 15 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

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



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DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



