

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 31, 2006

RE: H.R. No. 90

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. 90
entitled:

"HOUSE 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 resolution is to find a solution for the
critical nursing shortage in Hawaii by urging the National Council
of State Boards of Nursing to conduct its licensure examination in
the city of Manila in the Philippines where a great many willing
and able prospective nurses reside.

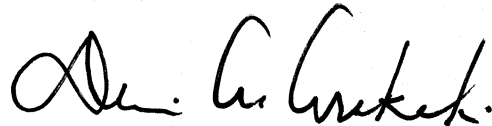
The Board of Nursing and several concerned individuals
supported this resolution.

Your Committee finds that international test administration
for nursing students seeks to provide convenience to candidates by
reducing the time and expense of traveling to the United States
and does not sacrifice high standards expected of applicants.
Broadening our scope of applicants may have the potential to
increase the number of nurses staffing our health care facilities
in Hawaii. Some concerns were raised, however, that there are
currently locally educated nursing students who are unable to find
employment opportunities and question attempts to bring in foreign
workers to a job market place that is seemingly closed at this
point in time.



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. 90 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



