

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1720 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 11, 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 Consumer Protection & Commerce, 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 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 38<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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.R. No. 90 and recommends its adoption.

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



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ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



