

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1092 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 23, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2729
S.D. 1
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 Committees on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2729, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DENTISTS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve dental health services in underserved areas of the state by establishing a dental care student loan repayment program as an incentive for dentists to serve in underserved communities and accept Med-QUEST and uninsured patients.

The Hawaii Dental Association, Hawaii Primary Care Association, and Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association supported this bill. The Department of Health (DOH) supported the intent of this measure. The Department of the Attorney General provided comments.

Your Committees have amended this bill by, among other things:

- (1) Establishing the Dental Care Student Loan Repayment Program Special Fund to allow DOH to repay student loans for eligible dentists participating in the loan repayment program; and

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- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2729, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2729, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Human
Services,



ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



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