

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR - 4 2006

RE: S.R. No. 50  
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.R. No. 50  
entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING HEALTHCARE FACILITIES IN THE STATE  
OF HAWAII TO IMPLEMENT THE "UTILIZATION GUIDE FOR THE  
AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION PRINCIPLES FOR SAFE STAFFING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge healthcare facilities  
in Hawaii to implement the "Utilization Guide for the American  
Nurses Association Principles for Safe Staffing."

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawai`i Nurses' Association and the Hawaii Government  
Employees Association. The Department of Health and The Queen's  
Medical Center submitted testimony in support of this measure with  
amendments. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to  
the measure from Kaiser Permanente. The Hawaii Long Term Care  
Association submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that quality health care and patient  
safety are priorities of health care facilities. Safe nurse  
staffing is essential to ensuring these priorities are fulfilled.  
The "Utilization Guide For The American Nurses Association  
Principles For Safe Staffing" appropriately sets guidelines for  
Hawaii's health care facilities to follow.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Specifying health care facilities to include acute care facilities, long term care and skilled nursing facilities, dialysis units, hospice facilities, ambulatory surgical centers, and psychiatric facilities;
- (2) Requesting the Center for Nursing to convene a working group of stakeholders and to report its findings to the 2007 Legislature; and
- (3) Including the Center for Nursing, the Hawaii Long Term Care Association, the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Hospice Hawaii, Liberty Dialysis, and Kahi Mohala as entities to receive certified copies of this measure.

Your Committee further amended this measure by making technical, non-substantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

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 S.R. No. 50, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 50, S.D. 1.

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

  
ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the  
Committee on Health  
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* <i>SR 50</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HTH</i>	Date: <i>3/29/06</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (VC)	✓			
HANABUSA, Colleen				✓
TSUTSUI, Shan S.				✓
WHALEN, Paul	✓			
TOTAL	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Suzanne Chun Oakland</i>				
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