

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 69
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 69
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide comprehensive
quality health care and alleviate the health care workforce
shortage in Hawaii.

The measure accomplishes this purpose by appropriating funds
to an unspecified agency to support the development and
maintenance of a statewide comprehensive health care workforce map
and database that appropriately and effectively assesses staffing
needs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Mayor of the County of Hawaii, Hawaii Medical Service
Association, Hawaii Pacific Health, Hawaii Psychiatric Medical
Association, and two individuals. Your Committee received
testimony with comments on this measure from Department of Health,
Department of Human Services, and Hawaii Medical Association.

Your Committee finds that a severe shortage of health care
workers exists in our State, especially on the neighbor islands.
Your Committee further finds that data is critical to
understanding our workforce needs. Currently, a comprehensive,
publicly-available database does not exist.



It is the intent of your Committee that the database is updated on a regular basis to maintain its accuracy and assures appropriate confidentiality.

Your Committee has amended the measure by deleting the specific amount appropriated and leaving it unspecified.

Your Committee further finds that, although it has amended the measure by removing the specific amount to be appropriated, an appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 is recommended for the initial development and maintenance of the state health care workforce map and database.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 69, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 69, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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




DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Health
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 69	Committee Referral: HTH, WAM	Date: 2/2/07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <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	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
MENOR, Ron	✓			
WHALEN, Paul				✓
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes