

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 13, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2134
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2134, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CENTER FOR NURSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to support the Hawaii State Center For Nursing (Center) by allowing the Center to continue receiving funding to continue its mission of:

- (1) Collecting and analyzing data regarding the current and future status and trends of the nursing workforce;
- (2) Conducting research on best practices and quality outcomes;
- (3) Developing a plan for implementing strategies to recruit and retain nurses; and
- (4) Researching, analyzing, and reporting data related to the retention of the nursing workforce,

by extending by five years the sunset date of the deposit and disbursement of certain nursing fees into the Compliance Resolution Fund to the credit of the Center For Nursing Special Fund.



The Board of Nurses, Hawaii Pacific Health, Queen's Medical Center, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and numerous concerned individuals supported this bill. The Hawaii Nurses' Association and several concerned individuals opposed this measure.

Your Committee finds that while the work is very important in the area of collecting and studying data, more should be done regarding implementing those programs that will support and sustain the nursing workforce.

Your Committee has amended this bill by changing the sunset date to July 1, 2010, extending it only one year.

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 H.B. No. 2134, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2134, H.D. 2.

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



JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



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HSCA 359-08

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2134 HD1	Committee Referral: HED, HLT, FIN	Date: <i>2-8-08</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (C)	✓			
2. MIZUNO, John (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani	✓			
4. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
5. BERTRAM, Joe, III	✓			
6. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	✓			
7. RHOADS, Karl	✓			
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				✓
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	✓			
TOTAL (10)	<i>8</i>			<i>2</i>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>John M. Pagan</i>				
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