

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 18, 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2146
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Higher Education and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2146, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to support the activities of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing (Center) in conducting research and implementing strategies to recruit and retain nurses. This bill:

- (1) Allows the Center to continue receiving funds by extending by five years, the sunset date for the deposit of certain nursing fees into the Center for Nursing Special Fund;
- (2) Requires two of the three representatives of the Hawaii Nurses' Association who sit on the advisory board of the Center to represent the professional component, and one representative to be a non-managerial staff nurse; and
- (3) Requires the Center's advisory board to submit reports to the Legislature prior to the 2009 Regular Session as follows:
 - (A) An interim report on the progress and findings of the five-year longitudinal study being conducted by the Center regarding the turnover of new graduate



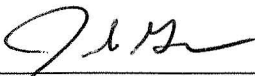
registered nurses and best practices in nurse retention; and

- (B) A report on funding alternatives that will enable the Center to continue its operations and services.

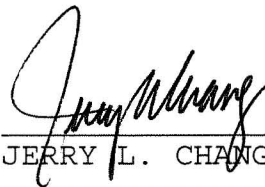
The University of Hawaii at Manoa, Board of Nursing, Hawaii Pacific Health, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, The Queen's Medical Center, Hawaii State Center for Nursing, Statewide Consortium for Nursing, Hale Kipa, Inc., and many concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii Government Employees Association supported the intent of this measure. Several concerned individuals opposed this bill.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Higher Education and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2146, S.D. 2, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Higher Education
and Health,



JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



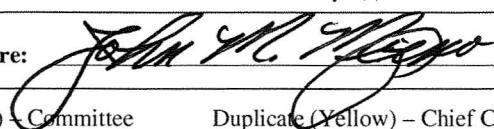
JERRY L. CHANG, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2146, SD 2	Committee Referral: HED/HLT, FIN	Date: 3-11-08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)	6			4
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: 				
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