

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2007

RE: S.B. No. 69
S.D. 2

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 69, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

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

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

Your Committee received comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Medical Service Association and a physician. The Department of Health, the Department of Human Services, and the County of Hawaii submitted comments.

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 essential to understanding our workforce needs. The state health planning and development agency and numerous other state agencies and professional organizations are part of a Workforce Hui that has long been in discussions about a database to help determine workforce supply needs. This bill is intended to acknowledge the work accomplished by the Workforce Hui and support those

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collaborative efforts by providing funding to develop and maintain a database for workforce needs analyses.

Your Committee has amended the measure by:

- (1) Adding language to section 1 that clarifies the bill's intent to support the Workforce Hui's efforts to compile a health care workforce supply database; and
- (2) Designating the state health planning and development agency as the expending agency for the appropriation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 69, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 69, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 69 SD1	HTH, WAM	2/26/07		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
MENOR, Ron	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
WHALEN, Paul				/
TOTAL	9	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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