

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 93
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 Education, to which was referred S.B.
No. 93 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR UNIVERSITY OF
HAWAII HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE SIMULATION RESOURCE
LABORATORIES, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to expand
and establish healthcare workforce simulation resource
laboratories throughout the University of Hawaii system for
healthcare workforce development and training.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the
Hawaii State Center for Nursing of the University of Hawaii, the
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, the Hawaii Primary Care
Association, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, the Hawaii
Government Employees Association, the Hawaii Association of
Professional Nurses, and four individuals. Comments on the
measure were submitted by the University of Hawaii System.

Your Committee finds that a nursing shortage in Hawaii
currently exists and is only expected to worsen as our population
ages and nurses continue to retire. According to the Hawaii State
Center for Nursing of the University of Hawaii, the University of
Hawaii's ability to graduate a sufficient supply of nurses will
continue to fall well short of the anticipated demand. The
shortage is exacerbated by the shortage of nursing faculty, a lack
of adequate infrastructure and facilities, and a deficiency in the



availability of clinical training for students to acquire practical knowledge, skills, and competence. Your Committee further finds that simulation learning offers nursing students additional clinical experiences, expands the teaching capacity for students, and prepares them with a hands-on learning experience without suffering real-world consequences.

Your Committee believes that although the University of Hawaii at Manoa currently supports a simulation resource laboratory, that facility should be expanded to offer greater services and to also be utilized by Kapiolani Community College students. Your Committee also believes that additional facilities should be established to provide training for students of the University of Hawaii at Hilo, Hawaii Community College, Kauai Community College, and Maui Community College. The expansion and establishment of additional healthcare workforce simulation resource laboratories will provide necessary training to nursing students and help to grow a skilled and competent healthcare workforce within the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 93, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 93, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Education
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)	X			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	X			
HEE, Clayton				X
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
GABBARD, Mike	X			
TOTAL	6			1

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Jum*

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