

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2007

RE: S.B. No. 977
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. 977
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RURAL PRIMARY HEALTH CARE
TRAINING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the primary health
care workforce shortage and improve access to health care in rural
areas of the State.

Specifically, this measure makes an appropriation to the
Department of Health to develop a statewide rural training model
by placing primary care physicians who are in their final years of
training, in the underserved areas of this State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Hawaii Primary Care
Association, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and one
individual. The John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of
Hawaii at Manoa submitted testimony in support of the intent of
this measure. The Department of Health submitted comments on this
measure.

Appropriations in the amount of \$870,000 in fiscal year 2007-
2008 and \$1,890,000 in fiscal year 2008-2009 have been recommended
to accomplish the purpose of this measure.




Your Committee finds that action must be taken to address the primary health care workforce shortage in the rural areas, particularly on the neighbor islands of our State. Expanding the family medicine residency program sponsored by the John A. Burns School of Medicine and Wahiawa General Hospital will enable physicians to complete their final two years of clinical training while providing improved access to health care for residents living in the underserved areas of Hawaii.

Your Committee amended this measure by removing the appropriation amount and by making the John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii at Manoa the expending agency instead of the Department of Health.

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. 977, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 977, 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
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 977	HTH, WAM	2-7-07		
<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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