

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 5

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 3, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 124
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 124 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to address the shortage of health professionals in underserved rural communities throughout the state by appropriating funds for the Hawaii Quentin Burdick Rural Health Interdisciplinary Training Program (Program).

The Program and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The University of Hawaii at Manoa offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

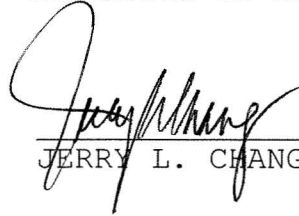
- (1) Changing the appropriation amount to \$1;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

HB124 HD1 HSCR HED HMS 2009-1657



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 124, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 124, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Health.

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



JERRY L. CHANG, Chair



