Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 691 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 Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 691 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHYSICIAN SHORTAGES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure access to health care in rural areas by establishing the Hawaii Rural Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program (Program) to provide student loan repayments to qualified physicians who practice in federally designated health professional shortage areas of the state.

The Hawaii Primary Care Association, Hawaii Medical Service Association, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii, Hawaii Medical Association, and Hawaii Association for Justice, and a concerned individual supported this bill. The Department of Budget and Finance opposed this measure. The Department of Health submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Providing preference for participation in the Program for licensed physicians who have graduated from a school of medicine and have received Hawaii-based medical training;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and

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(3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 691, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 691, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

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

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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Health**

Bill/Resolution No.:  HB 691	Committee Referral: HLT, HED, FIN		Date: 1-30-09	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)				
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2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)				
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3. BELATTI, Della Au				
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4. BERTRAM, Joe, III				3.5
5. BROWER, Tom			<u> </u>	
J. DAG WEIA, TOM				
6. CARROLL, Mele				
7. MIZUNO, John M.				
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8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				
9. FINNEGAN, Lynn				,
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TOTAL (9)	6			3
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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