

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 991
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. 991
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure adequate access to
medical care in rural, medically underserved areas of the state by
establishing the Hawaii Medical Doctor Loan Program (Program) to
provide financial assistance for University of Hawaii medical
school graduates who agree to work in rural areas of the state.

The Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii Primary Care
Association, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, and Hawaii Section
of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
supported this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Expanding the Program to include medical school
graduates who have received medical training in a
Hawaii-based program; and
- (2) 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. 991, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 991, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

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



RYAN T. YAMANE, Chair



