

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

464

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 18, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 902
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 902, H.D. 1, 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 improve access to health care in Hawaii, particularly in rural areas, by establishing the Hawaii Medical Doctor Loan Program. Specifically, the Program will provide a low interest loan with waiver provisions to individuals who agree to practice in rural areas of the State, as designated by the University of Hawaii (UH), and who are also:

- (1) Students who complete a State-approved medical school program at UH; or
- (2) Graduates of a medical school who have received medical training from a Hawaii-based medical program.

The Hawaii Medical Association supported this bill. The UH System and Department of Budget and Finance provided comments.

Your Committee notes that there appears to be some ambiguity in the language appropriating funds from the Hawaii Medical Doctor Loan Program revolving fund established by this measure and respectfully requests the Committee on Finance to review this section of the bill.

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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. 902, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



SCOTT NISHIMOTO, Chair



