

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1143

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 22, 2013

RE: S.B. No. 665  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 665, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the shortage of primary care physicians in Hawaii by appropriating unspecified amounts of general revenues for deposit into the Hawaii Health Corps Revolving Fund, to support diversity programs at the John A. Burns School of Medicine's Native Hawaiian Center of Excellence, and for increases in the faculty and infrastructure of the existing family medicine residency program and development of new accredited family health centers in association with teaching hospitals.

The Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii Medical Service Association, Hawai'i Primary Care Association, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and a concerned individual supported this bill. The John A. Burns School of Medicine supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$300,000 in general revenues for each year of fiscal biennium 2013-2015 to

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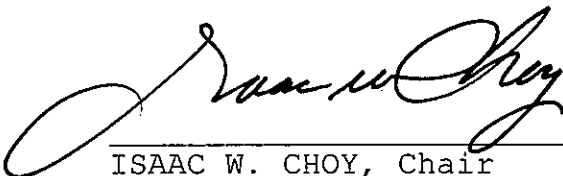


be deposited into the Hawaii Health Corps Revolving Fund;

- (2) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$300,000 out of the Hawaii Health Corps Revolving Fund for each year of fiscal biennium 2013-2015 for the purposes of the Hawaii Health Corps Program;
- (3) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$560,000 in general revenues for each year of fiscal biennium 2013-2015 to support diversity programs at the John A. Burns School of Medicine's Native Hawaiian Center of Excellence;
- (4) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$1,000,000 in general revenues for each year of fiscal biennium 2013-2015 for increases in the faculty and infrastructure of the existing family medicine residency program and the development of new accredited family health centers in association with teaching hospitals;
- (5) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2013; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 S.B. No. 665, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 665, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

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

  
ISAAC W. CHOY, Chair



