

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 8, 2013RE: H.B. No. 1383
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 Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1383
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for
various programs directed at expanding the primary care workforce.
Specifically, this measure appropriates funds to:

- (1) The Hawaii Health Corps Revolving Fund, which is administered by the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) and the University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, to provide reimbursements of loan repayments under the Hawaii Rural Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program, among other purposes;
- (2) Programs of JABSOM's Native Hawaiian Center of Excellence, such as the Imi Hoola Post-Baccalaureate Program and the Native Hawaiian Student Pathway to Medicine program; and
- (3) Support increases in faculty and infrastructure of the existing family medicine residency program and development of new accredited family health centers in association with teaching hospitals through JABSOM.



The Hawaii Medical Service Association, The Queen's Health Systems, The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Community Alliance for Mental Health, United Self Help, Hawaii Medical Association, and numerous concerned individuals supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to promote further discussion.

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. 1383, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1383, 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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