

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 14, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1742  
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 1742, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS  
CORPORATION PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to help address the severe  
shortage of primary care providers in Hawaii, especially in rural  
areas, by appropriating funds for the Interdisciplinary Hawaii  
Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at Hilo  
Medical Center.

The Mayor of the County of Hawaii, the Council Member  
representing District 3 on the Hawaii County Council, Hawaii  
Health Systems Corporation, East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health  
Systems Corporation, West Hawaii Regional Board of the Hawaii  
Health Systems Corporation, Hilo Medical Center Foundation, Hawaii  
Island Chamber of Commerce, Japanese Chamber of Commerce and  
Industry, Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii Primary Care  
Association, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and numerous  
concerned individuals supported the bill. Two concerned  
individuals submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2014; and



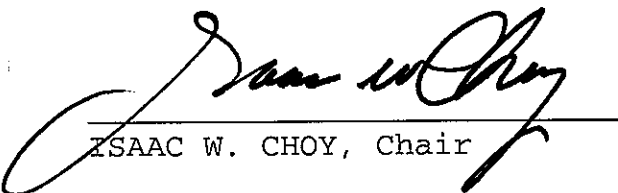
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee recognizes that fiscal determinations are within the purview of your Committee on Finance. Therefore, your Committee respectfully requests that, if your Committee on Finance chooses to advance this bill, an appropriation in the amount of \$2,800,000 be inserted.

In addition, your Committee notes that this measure will not necessarily increase the number of medical students who graduate from the John A. Burns School of Medicine of the University of Hawaii.

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. 1742, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1742, H.D. 2.

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

  
ISAAC W. CHOY, Chair



