

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2653

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2058

S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2058, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH CORPS LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys for the implementation and administration of the Hawaii Health Corps' Hawaii Rural Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety, the Puna Community Medical Center, the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, the Hawaii Medical Association, the Hawaii Primary Care Association, the Koolāuloa Health Center, and eight individuals.

Your Committee finds that the State's shortage of primary health care providers threatens the health of Hawaii's residents and affects state health care costs. Your Committee also finds that the increasingly high cost of education leads many health care professionals to seek jobs in urban areas that provide higher incomes, which has resulted in rural areas becoming medically underserved. Your Committee believes that by appropriating moneys for the Hawaii Health Corps' Hawaii Rural Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program, this measure will help ensure that all of Hawaii's people have access to quality health care by encouraging



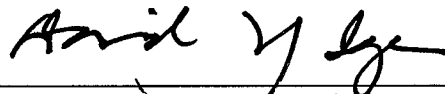
health care professionals to practice in the most underserved areas in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for the purpose of clarity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2058, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2058, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

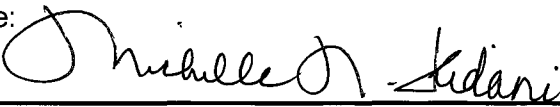


DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2058, SD1	HTH, WAM	2-25-14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will				✓
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
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Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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