

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2233**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2107

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2107
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate
funds for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation primary care
training program at the Hilo Medical Center.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of the Mayor, County Hawaii; County Council,
County of Maui; Hawaii County Council; Hawaii State Association of
Counties; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Hawaii Health Systems
Corporation; West Hawaii Regional Board of the Hawaii Health
Systems Corporation; Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
Hilo Medical Center Foundation; Hawaii Medical Association;
Community Alliance for Mental Health; Hastings and Pleadwell; Hilo
Medical Center; Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce; Hawaii Island
Family Medicine Residency; Hawaii Association of Professional
Nurses; and several individuals.

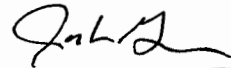
Your Committee finds that the State and the island of Hawaii
face a severe physician shortage, with a recent study estimating
that Hawaii County needs one hundred fifty more doctors to provide
an adequate level of health care to residents. Your Committee
further finds that the primary care training program will help to
address the shortage of primary health care providers in the
State. This measure will improve health care options for



thousands of patients and provide a model to meet the growing need for physicians in underserved areas.

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 S.B. No. 2107 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



JOSH GREEN, Chair



