

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

401

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20 2015

RE: S.B. No. 113
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 113
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate
funds for the implementation and administration of the Hawaii
state loan repayment program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine,
The Queen's Health Systems, Hawaii Primary Care Association, and
fourteen individuals.

Your Committee finds that many residents of Hawaii are
increasingly unable to obtain timely and appropriate health care
due to shortages of primary care and behavioral health providers.
Such shortages threaten the health of Hawaii's residents and
affect state health care costs. These shortages have pushed the
federal government to designate a number of areas in the State,
particularly rural areas, as medically underserved areas, health
professional shortage areas, or having medically underserved
populations.

Your Committee further finds that the increasingly high cost
of health care professional education requires individuals to seek
out the higher incomes that allow them to repay their student

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loans. However, these higher incomes are usually in specialty care in urban areas, not in the areas of greatest need in Hawaii. Since September 1, 2012, a total of sixteen physicians and nurse practitioners have received loan repayment to work in health professional shortage areas in Hawaii and are still serving these communities through a loan repayment program started by the John A. Burns School of Medicine of the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by amending the appropriation amount from \$450,000 to \$311,875.

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. 113, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 113, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

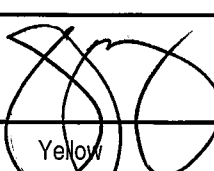


JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 113	Committee Referral: HTH, WAM	Date: 2/13/15		
<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
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓
GABBARD, Mike				✓
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
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