

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1069

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 25, 2015

RE: S.B. No. 113
S.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
S.B. No. 113, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the shortage of
health professionals in certain areas of the State by
appropriating funds to the Hawaii State Loan Repayment Program to
provide loan repayment assistance for physicians, physician
assistants, nurse practitioners, psychologists, counselors, and
social workers who agree to work in a federally designated health
professional shortage area or an area in Hawaii found to be
underserved.

The University of Hawaii System, Hawaii Association of
Professional Nurses, The Queen's Health Systems, Hawaii Academy of
Physician Assistants, and numerous concerned individuals supported
this measure. The Department of Public Safety supported the
intent of this measure.

Should the Committee on Finance deliberate this measure
further, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider
appropriating the sum of \$250,000 for each year of fiscal biennium
2015-2017 to implement and administer the Hawaii State Loan
Repayment Program to address the critical shortage of certain
primary care and behavioral health providers in the State.

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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 S.B. No. 113, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

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ISAAC W. CHOY, Chair



