

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 109

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 406

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. 406
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 and intent of this measure is to appropriate
funds for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation primary care
training program at Hilo Medical Center.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Hawaii State
Association of Counties, Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce, The
Queen's Health Systems, Hawaii Medical Association, Zonta Club of
Hilo, Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawaii, Hilo
Medical Center Foundation Board of Directors, and fifty-five
individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Health Systems
Corporation primary care training program is an effective way to
reduce the impact of the shortage of primary care providers and
improve access to health care throughout the State, especially on
the neighbor islands. Administered by Hilo Medical Center, this
interdisciplinary program is centered at the Hawaii Island Family
Health Center, which serves as a training site for family medicine
physicians and medical students through the Hawaii island family
medicine residency; advanced practice nurses from the school of
nursing and dental hygiene at the University of Hawaii at Manoa
and the University of Hawaii at Hilo; registered nursing students

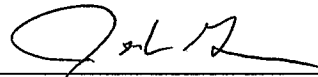


from the University of Hawaii at Hilo; pharmacy students in clinical pharmacy practice from the University of Hawaii at Hilo's Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy; health psychologists from I Ola Lahui, an organization that trains psychologists to meet the needs of residents of Hawaii's rural areas; and baccalaureate nursing students from the School of Nursing at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

Your Committee further finds that this interdisciplinary training model can be expanded to other neighbor island health facilities to generate interdisciplinary teams capable of caring for four times as many patients as independent practicing physicians could care for alone. Hawaii will benefit greatly as the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation program contributes to training primary care providers in the emerging model of primary care and patient-centered medical homes, and attracts health care providers to practice in rural Hawaii, including the neighbor islands.

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. 406 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



