

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 6

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 2, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 916
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 916
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOAN REPAYMENT FOR HEALTH CARE
PROFESSIONALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage health care
professionals to provide services to underserved regions statewide
by appropriating funds to be expended by the Department of Health
in coordination with the John A. Burns School of Medicine for the
Health Care Professionals Loan Repayment Program. Funds
appropriated by this measure shall be expended only if matched
dollar-for-dollar by funds from a private or other public source.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health, University of Hawai'i, Healthcare
Association of Hawaii, Lanai Community Health Center, Hawai'i
Pacific Health, The Queen's Health Systems, Hawaii Medical
Association, Hilo Medical Center Foundation, East Hawaii Region of
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Na Lei Wili Area Health
Education Center, and numerous individuals. Your Committee
received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Medical Board.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Replacing the \$250,000 appropriation with a blank
amount; and

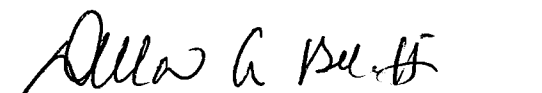
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- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2090, for purposes of further discussion.

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 H.B. No. 916, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 916, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Higher Education.

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



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



