

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

876

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2017

RE: S.B. No. 141
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 141, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE ASSESSMENT, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to support physician workforce assessment and planning.

More specifically, this measure aids the strategic recruitment and retention of physicians for rural and medically underserved areas of the State by allowing the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine to continue receiving revenues from the physician workforce assessment fee until June 30, 2022.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine, East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Lanai Community Health Center, Hawaii Area Health Education Center, Hawaii Pacific Health, Kaiser Permanente, Hawaii Island Rural Health Association, The Queen's Health Systems, Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii Academy of Family Physicians, International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 142, Hilo Medical Center Foundation, and nineteen individuals.



The Hawaii Medical Board and one individual submitted written comments on the measure.


Your Committee finds that Hawaii's physician shortage is compounded by having the fifth oldest physician workforce in the country. The Hawaii Physician Workforce Assessment Program attempts to address this shortage through research on the supply and demand of physicians in the State, interventions to recruit physicians, and identifying and implementing ways to increase career satisfaction among practicing physicians. The program receives a portion of the revenues generated by the physician workforce assessment fee to fund its efforts.

Your Committee finds that extending the fee assessment's sunset date will help support the State's efforts to act rapidly on tangible solutions to adequately address the physician workforce shortage and the ongoing need for a strong physician workforce.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to March 9, 2092, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 141, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 141, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 141, SD1	HRE/LPH, WAM	3/1/17		
<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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
TOTAL	8			3
Recommendation:				
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