

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 9, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2465
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2465 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Health to conduct a study regarding the establishment of a pilot program for Hawaii residents to pursue a doctor of medicine degree at the college of medicine of the University of Northern Philippines in Ilocos Sur, Philippines, with state-provided financial support, in exchange for a commitment to practice medicine in Hawaii after graduation.

A few individuals testified in support of this measure. One individual testified in opposition. The University of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee notes that the University of Hawaii's John A. Burns School of Medicine and University of Hawaii System both expressed in testimony that scholarships and funding providing financial assistance to Hawaii residents to attend medical school in Hawaii are a preferable alternative to funding a foreign medical education that makes passage of American physician licensing requirements more difficult.

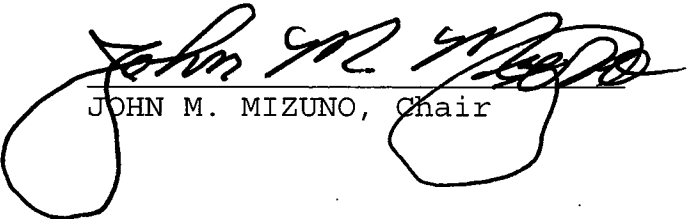


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Expanding the colleges of medicine a resident may attend under the potential pilot program to include any college of medicine in the Philippines; and
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to promote further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2465, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2465, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health & Human
Services,


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



