

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 6, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1089

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1089  
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 under which residents of Hawaii may pursue a doctor of medicine degree at colleges of medicine in the Philippines, with state-provided financial support, in exchange for a commitment to practice medicine in Hawaii after they graduate.

The O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and an individual testified in support of this measure. The University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine and Department of Health provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Broadening the scope of the pilot program to direct the Department of Health to conduct a study to develop a pilot program under which residents of Hawaii may pursue a doctor of medicine degree at an accredited college of medicine, with state-provided financial support, in



exchange for a commitment to practice medicine in Hawaii after they graduate;

- (2) Deleting an appropriation for the study;
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to promote further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 1089, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1089, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

  
JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



