

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1977
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1977
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ameliorate the shortage of
physicians in Hawaii by requiring the Department of Health to
establish, develop, and implement a program to sponsor medical
students who attend the College of Medicine of the University of
Northern Philippines in exchange for a ten-year service commitment
to practice medicine in Hawaii after graduation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Medical Association, Health Committee of the
Democratic Party of Hawaii, and four individuals. Your Committee
received testimony in opposition to this measure from one
individual. Your Committee received comments from the Department
of Health, Department of the Attorney General, University of
Hawaii, Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawaii, and American
Academy of Pediatrics - Hawaii Chapter.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Broadening the medical student sponsorship program to
include any high-quality but lower-cost school of



medicine, and removing specific references to the College of Medicine of the University of Northern Philippines;

- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As this measure moves through the legislative session, your Committee urges its proponents to work with the Department of Health, Department of the Attorney General, University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine, and stakeholders to craft a reasonable solution to address the shortage of physicians in Hawaii.

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. 1977, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1977, 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,



JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB1977	Committee Referral: HLT, CDC, FIN	Date: 1-28-20		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)	/			
2. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
4. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	/			
5. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	/			
6. SAY, Calvin K.Y.	/ BK	✓		
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
8. WARD, Gene	/			
TOTAL (8)	7	1	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>By: Kevin</u>				
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