

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2753

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR - 3 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2597
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2597, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys to the Department of Health to fund the Hawaii State Loan Repayment Program.

More specifically, the measure appropriates moneys to provide student loan repayment for physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, psychiatric nurse specialists, licensed professional counselors, marriage and family therapists, registered nurses, and certified alcohol and substance abuse counselors who agree to work in a federally-designated health professional shortage area.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Health, University of Hawaii, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii Primary Care Association, Hawaii American Nurses Association, Hawaii State Center for Nursing, Hawaii Pacific Health, Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association, Queen's Health Systems, and eight individuals.

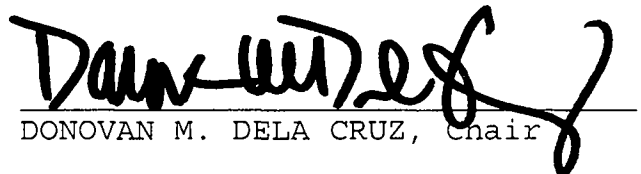


Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the loan repayment program funded by this measure will help to address the State's severe shortage of health care professionals, especially in rural areas. Your Committee recognizes that health care professionals who have benefitted from the program currently serve on all islands and in the communities of Waimea, Kihei, Waianae, Hilo, and Wailuku; at health clinics in Kalihi-Palama and Kokua Kalihi Valley; and in public institutional settings at the federal detention center in Honolulu, the Halawa correctional facility, and the Maui County correctional center.

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. 2597, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

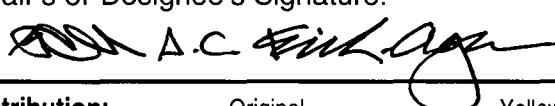
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 2597, SD1	HTH/HRE, WAM	2/24/22
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X	
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X	
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X	
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X	
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X	
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	X	
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X	
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X	
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X	
WAKAI, Glenn	X	
FEVELLA, Kurt	X	
TOTAL	11	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 		
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