

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 965

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 2021

RE: S.B. No. 976
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 976, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the healthcare preceptor income tax credit.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Amends the definitions of "preceptor" and "volunteer-based supervised clinical training rotation" to improve accessibility for providers to receive income tax credits for acting as preceptors; and
- (2) Revises the membership of the Preceptor Credit Assurance Committee to include the Director of Health.

Your Committees received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Taxation; University of Hawaii System; Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses; Hawaii Pacific Health; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Hawaii State Center for Nursing; Hawaii State Rural Health Association; Hilo Medical Center Foundation; Hua Moon Women's Health, LLC; The Queen's Health Systems; and five individuals.



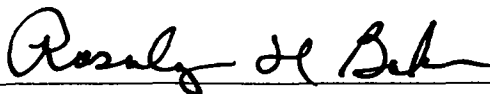
Your Committees find that there is a shortage of primary care providers in the State, which will be exacerbated by the projected retirements of current physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and pharmacists. Your Committees also find that the purpose of the existing healthcare preceptor income tax credit is to incentivize volunteer preceptors to offer professional instruction, training, and supervision to students and residents seeking careers as healthcare providers. However, although a large number of providers trained eligible students in 2019 during the first-year implementation of the tax credit, only a small subset actually met the tax credit eligibility requirements due to the primary care qualifying criteria.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

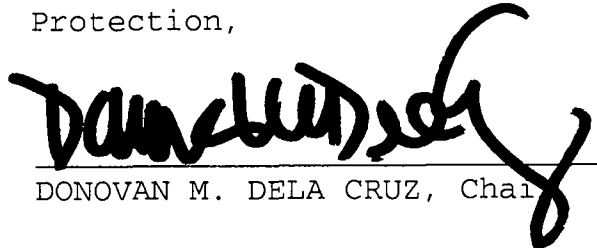
- (1) Clarifying that the term "primary care", as used in section 321-2.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, has the same meaning as in section 235-110.25, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce and Consumer Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 976, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 976, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Ways and Means
and Commerce and Consumer
Protection,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair

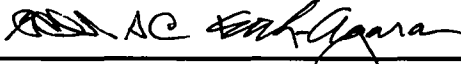


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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 976, SD 1	HTH, WAM/CPN	3/4/21		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation 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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	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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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

