

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

649

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2023

RE: S.B. No. 1015

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Higher Education and Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 1015 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE EDUCATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for the expansion of the University of Hawaii Maui College's Certified Nurse Aide to Practical Nurse Bridge Program.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System, University of Hawaii Professional Assembly, The Queen's Health System, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and Hawai'i - American Nurses Association. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing.

Your Committees find that there is a critical shortage of licensed practical nurses statewide. The University of Hawaii Maui College's Certified Nurse Aide to Practical Nurse Bridge Program allows eligible Maui and Oahu certified nurse aides and other health care professionals to continue working while pursuing a licensed practical nurse certification. In response to a great demand for participation in the program, Maui College's goal is to expand the program statewide. To help increase access to the program and mitigate the State's licensed practical nurse shortage, this measure appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii for the expansion of the Certified Nurse Aide to Practical



Nurse Bridge Program, including for instructional costs and student aid.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Higher Education and Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1015 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Higher Education and Health and Human Services,



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Health and Human Services
HHS

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 1015</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HRE/HHS, LAM</i>	Date: <i>2/16/23</i>		
<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
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.				✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	<i>4</i>			<i>1</i>
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