STAND. COM. REP. NO. 299-06

Honolulu, Hawaii

Monh 31, 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 223

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 223 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT TO DETERMINE WHETHER FUNDS ALLOCATED FROM THE HAWAII TOBACCO SETTLEMENT SPECIAL FUND TO THE UNIVERSITY REVENUE-UNDERTAKINGS FUND HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATELY EXPENDED,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request that more transparency and assurances be provided to the public and the Legislature regarding the spending of Hawaii Tobacco Settlement Special Fund (Tobacco Fund) moneys by the University of Hawaii (UH) for the payment of principal and interest for revenue bonds issued to finance projects such as the construction of the John A. Burns School of Medicine in Kakaako.

UH opposed this concurrent resolution.

Your Committee finds that the use of moneys from the Tobacco Fund to provide for UH health and wellness initiatives such as the new medical school in Kakaako is a sensible practice. However, a conscientious government should ensure expending of this fund continues to be done responsibly. This request to the Office of the Auditor also includes a stipulation that the Auditor provide a report to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2007 that will recommend any legislation to provide added safeguards, if necessary, to assure the public of fiscal responsibility within the State.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 223 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

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

DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 223	Date:	3/23/06		
Committee Referral: HLT, HED, FIN	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	□ P:	ass, with amendmen	its	
☐ Hold	Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration			
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ARAKAKI, Dennis A. (C)				
2. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (VC)				
3. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				
4. HALE, Heléne H.				
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				
6. SONSON, Alex M.				
7. HALFORD, Chris				
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TOTAL	7	0	O	0
The recommendation is:				
☐ Not Adopted				
If joint referral,com	mittee acronym		ort recommendation	
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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