STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1297 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

Morch 31, 2006

RE: H.R. No. 15

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.R. No. 15 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE CENTER FOR NURSING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO INVESTIGATE AND RECOMMEND WAYS TO ASSIST THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO RELIEVE THE NURSING SHORTAGE AND ENSURE A CONTINUOUS, ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF NURSES TO STAFF HOSPITALS AND OTHER MEDICAL FACILITIES IN THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to improve health care safety by addressing the critical shortage of nurses in Hawaii. This resolution requests that the Hawaii State Center for Nursing (HSCFN) at the University of Hawaii investigate and recommend a multifaceted approach to ensure an adequate and continuous number of nurses are available to staff our health care facilities.

The University of Hawaii's School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Hawaii Nurses Association, and HSCFN supported this resolution. The Hawaii Government Employees Association supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee finds that recruitment and retention of registered nurses is critical in addressing this shortage of nurses in our health care facilities and action must be taken. HSCFN is optimally placed within our university system to spearhead this initiative and succeed in this challenge to produce

a new generation of nurses in Hawaii who are strong in both their numbers and skills.

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.R. No. 15 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

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 15	Date:	123/06		
Committee Referral: HLT, HED	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	☐ Pass, with amendments			
☐ 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.	<i></i>			
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				
6. SONSON, Alex M. 7. HALFORD, Chris				
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TOTAL	6	ð	હ	1
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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