STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1748 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 13, 2006

RE: H.R. No. 63

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.R. No. 63 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING HEALTHCARE FACILITIES IN THE STATE OF HAWAII TO IMPLEMENT THE "UTILIZATION GUIDE FOR THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION PRINCIPLES FOR SAFE STAFFING","

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to promote the delivery of safe, high-quality health care in Hawaii by urging health care facilities to establish direct-care registered nurse-to-patient staffing requirements based on the "Utilization Guide for the American Nurses Association Principles for Safe Staffing."

Kaiser Permanente and several concerned individuals supported this resolution. Queen's Medical Center supported the intent of this measure and requested an amendment. The Department of Health opposed this measure.

Your Committee heard testimony that two of the state's major health care facilities base their staffing ratios on the "Utilization Guide for the American Nurses Association Principles for Safe Staffing" but actual staffing levels are dependent on the evaluation of many factors.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 63 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce,

ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair

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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

Bill/Resolution No.:	Date:	410	106	
Committee Referral:	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	nended Pass, with amendments			
☐ Hold	□ Recommit			
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HERKES, Robert N. (C)				
2. SCHATZ, Brian (VC)				
3. CALDWELL, Kirk				
4. ITO, Ken				
5. KANOHO, Ezra R.				· · ·
<ul><li>6. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki</li><li>7. MORITA, Hermina M.</li></ul>	,			
8. SONSON, Alex M.				
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.	L			
10. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.			1 Cul	
11. STONEBRAKER, Bud				
TOTAL	5	1	$\supset$	5
The recommendation is:  Not Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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