Honolulu, Hawaii

Mark 31, 2006

RE: H.R. No. 90

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. 90 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING TO CONDUCT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL LICENSURE EXAMINATION IN THE CITY OF MANILA IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to find a solution for the critical nursing shortage in Hawaii by urging the National Council of State Boards of Nursing to conduct its licensure examination in the city of Manila in the Philippines where a great many willing and able prospective nurses reside.

The Board of Nursing and several concerned individuals supported this resolution.

Your Committee finds that international test administration for nursing students seeks to provide convenience to candidates by reducing the time and expense of traveling to the United States and does not sacrifice high standards expected of applicants. Broadening our scope of applicants may have the potential to increase the number of nurses staffing our health care facilities in Hawaii. Some concerns were raised, however, that there are currently locally educated nursing students who are unable to find employment opportunities and question attempts to bring in foreign workers to a job market place that is seemingly closed at this point in time.

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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.R. No. 90 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chai:

State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

HR 90	Date:	03/23/06			
Committee Referral: HLT, CPC	☐ The com	☐ 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.					
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.					
6. SONSON, Alex M.					
7. HALFORD, Chris					
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The recommendation is:					
☐ Not Adopted					
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.					
committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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