STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1720 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 11, 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 Consumer Protection & Commerce, 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 take a proactive approach to the recruitment of qualified nurses to fill the State's nursing shortage by requesting the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (Council) to establish a testing center in the Philippines, to allow nurses in that jurisdiction to take the National Council Licensure Examination that qualifies them to work as registered or practical nurses in Hawaii.

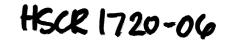
The Board of Nursing, Hawai'i Nurses' Association, and the Representative from the 38<sup>th</sup> district supported this bill.

Your Committee finds that the Council administers the licensing examination for nurses in several locations outside of the United States. The Council has recently expanded the number of these sites, however, they do not include the Philippines. If the licensing examination were offered in that country, nurses who take and pass the examination would be ready for employment in our hospitals as soon as they meet visa requirements.

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. 90 and recommends its adoption.

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

ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



## State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-third Legislature

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

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 90	Date:	4/5/	06	
Committee Referral: T. CPC	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments				
☐ Hold ☐ Recommit				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HERKES, Robert N. (C)				
2. SCHATZ, Brian (VC)	/			
3. CALDWELL, Kirk	<b>V</b>			
4. ITO, Ken				
5. KANOHO, Ezra R.				
6. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki				
7. MORITA, Hermina M.				
8. SONSON, Alex M.				<b>✓</b>
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.	V_			
10. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.				
11. STONEBRAKER, Bud				
TOTAL	9			2
The recommendation is:  Adopted  Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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