STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3254**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR - 4 2006

RE: S.C.R. No. 145

Honorable Robert Bunda President of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Energy, Environment, and International Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 145 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT 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,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the National Council of State Boards of Nursing to establish a testing center to conduct the National Council Licensure Examination in the city of Manila in the Republic of the Philippines.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association and the Board of Nursing.

Your Committees find that enabling nurse candidates to take the National Council Licensure Examination in the Philippines is a proactive approach to addressing the nursing shortage in Hawaii. The examination is offered at many other overseas locations. Currently, Filipinos who wish to work as nurses in the United States must apply for B-2 visas and overcome financial barriers. Offering the examination in the Philippines will eliminate these barriers and improve recruitment of nurses in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Energy, Environment, and International

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Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 145 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Health and Energy, Environment, and International Affairs,

J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair

ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* SCR 145	Committee Referral: HTH/EJH		Date: 3 28 06				
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:							
The Recommendation is to:							
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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy, Environment and International Affairs (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* SCR 145	Committee Referral: HTH/EIA		Date:	Date: March 29, 2006				
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.								
If so, then the previous decision was to:								
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