STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3055** 

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2006

RE: S.C.R. No. 16

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Higher Education, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 16 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT 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,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the nursing shortage in Hawaii and find a long-term solution for adequate nursing resources by requesting the Hawaii State Center for Nursing at the University of Hawaii to investigate and institute a five-year strategic plan.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Center for Nursing, the University of Hawaii School of Nursing, the Hawaii Government Employees Association, the Hawaii Nurses' Association, Hawaii Pacific Health, and Kaiser Permanente.

Your Committees find that a serious nursing shortage exists in Hawaii and will become critical in the near future as the majority of nurses will be nearing retirement age. The mission of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing is to ensure that Hawaii has the nursing resources necessary to meet the health care needs of its people. Therefore, the Hawaii State Center for Nursing is the

appropriate agency to conduct an investigation into immediate and long-term solutions to the nursing shortage.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Higher Education that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 16 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Health and Higher Education,

CLAYTON HEE, Chair

ROSALYN H. OBAKER, Chair

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

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