STAND. COM. REP. NO. 212

Honolulu, Hawaii

Felg , 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1119

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1119 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RURAL PRIMARY HEALTHCARE AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN THE SHORT-TERM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase access to primary care physicians in rural areas of the State that are medically underserved.

Specifically, the measure makes an appropriation to:

- (1) Stabilize the rural primary health care services provided on Oahu by the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine Department of Family Medicine and Community Health through its family medicine residency program; and
- (2) Expand workforce development in the county of Hawaii by developing a Hawaii island family medicine rural training track to provide additional opportunities for family physician training.

The State Health Planning and Development Agency, the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health of the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii, Hawaii Medical Service Association, Hawaii Health Systems, Hawaii Pacific Health, and the Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association submitted

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testimony in support of the measure. The Department of Health and the John A. Burans School of Medicine of the University of Hawaii submitted testimony in support of the intent of the measure.

Your Committee recognizes that areas of the State are federally designated as medically underserved areas and health professions shortage areas. Additionally, residents in some areas comprise a federally designated medically underserved population. Because of the shortage of physicians in these generally rural areas, access to affordable health care is difficult, if not impossible. A family practice residency program that includes training and experience in rural primary health care would train future family physicians to provide appropriate care to medically underserved rural residents in a medically appropriate and culturally sensitive manner.

Currently, the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii at Manoa offers a three-year residency program in family medicine, the only civilian family medicine program in the State. Federal funding through the Centers for Medicare and Medicare Services provided the initial financial support for a rural health care demonstration project, established in 2006 in Hilo, which gives family medicine residents training and experience in rural health care. In addition, the demonstration project served to provide health care for medically underserved residents of Hawaii. Permanent rural health care training programs in rural areas of neighbor islands would not only provide workforce development opportunities, but they also would increase health care options for the medically underserved residents of those rural areas.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1119 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

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

JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1119		Date:	Date: 2 - 02 - 07				
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1. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (C)	V					
2. MIZUNO, John (VC)		V					
3. BELATTI, Della Au		V					
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III							
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6. RHOADS, Karl		V					
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8. TAKAI, K. Mark							
9. TOKIOKA, James Kun	ane	V					
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature:							
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