

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 2013

RE: H.B. No. 417  
H.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 417,  
H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS  
CORPORATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address the shortage of primary care providers in the State by appropriating funds for the Interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; American Association of Retired Persons; Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Hilo Medical Center Foundation; Hawaii Island Healthcare Alliance; Ka'u Hospital; and fifteen individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from two individuals.

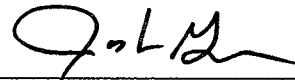
Your Committee finds that the State faces a shortage of primary healthcare providers. Your Committee further finds that the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program is an effective way to reduce the impact of the shortage of primary care providers and to improve access to healthcare throughout the State. The success of the training model is predicated on the ability of interdisciplinary teams of caregivers being able to treat four times as many patients as independent



practicing physicians. Your Committee finds that providing funding for the Interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Primary Care Training Program at the University of Hawaii at Hilo will greatly assist the State in meeting the primary care needs of its citizens.

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. 417, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



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JOSH GREEN, Chair



**Record of Votes  
Committee on Health  
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\*Only one measure per Record of Votes