

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3439

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1548
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Higher Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 1548, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) to expand medical school and residency training through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) graduate medical education programs.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Hawai'i Pacific Health, Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association, Hawai'i Primary Care Association, The Queen's Health Systems, and three individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committees find that there is a severe shortage of physicians and other health care providers in the State. These shortages threaten the health of citizens and adversely affect the State's health care costs. Your Committees further find that there exists a strong collaboration between JABSOM and the VA Pacific Islands Healthcare System. The VA health system currently invests in Hawaii-based residency positions using federal funds.



With additional faculty members, the capacity to train additional Hawaii-based residents through the VA program will enable JABSOM to expand the number of residency rotations and create new training opportunities. This measure appropriates funds to expand medical school and residency training through the VA medical education programs.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1548, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1548, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



JARRETT KEOHOKALOOLE, Chair



The Senate
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOPE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	4	-	-	1

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:
Rosalyn H. Baker

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