

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3440

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1550
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. 1550, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII MEDICAL EDUCATION SPECIAL FUND,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the Hawaii Medical Education Special Fund to be administered by the John A. Burns School of Medicine for graduate medical education and training programs.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System, Department of Health, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Hawaii Medical Association, Hawai'i Pacific Health, Hawai'i Primary Care Association, and Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association. 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 health care providers in the State. The Hawaii Medical Education Council (Council) is tasked with monitoring the State's graduate medical education programs, physician residency and fellowship training, and their ability to meet the health care workforce requirements. The Council also must ensure adequate



funding of health care training programs, particularly graduate medical education. Your Committees find that ongoing funding of graduate medical education is vital to addressing the physician shortage in the State. This measure establishes the Hawaii Medical Education Special Fund to provide funding for graduate medical education in the State which will provide a stand alone source of funds to promote the State's efforts to create, attract, and retain qualified health care providers.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion;
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment 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. 1550, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1550, 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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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>HB 155D HD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HTH/HRE, WAM</i>	Date: <i>3-18-22</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes