

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

147

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 04 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 223
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 223 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a pharmacist workforce assessment fee and the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Special Fund to fund activities of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy to support pharmacist workforce assessment and planning efforts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo; Hawai'i Pharmacists Association; Moloka'i Drugs, Inc.; and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; Board of Pharmacy; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that there is a need to support the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy to ensure the quality of health care and improve access to care for the people of Hawaii. Providing additional resources through a workforce assessment will help the College to proactively address issues of Hawaii's current health care crisis and leverage pharmacists to fill gaps in care related to medication management.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 223, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 223, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Higher Education,



ANDREW TAFUYA GARRETT, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB223</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HED, CPC, FIW</i>	Date: <i>01.31.2025</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HED Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya (C)	✓			
2. AMATO, Terez (VC)	✓			
3. EVSLIN, Luke A.	✓			
4. KAPELA, Jeanne	✓			
5. KILA, Darius K.	✓			
6. LA CHICA, Trish	✓			
7. OLDS, Ikaika	✓			
8. SAYAMA, Jackson D.	✓			
9. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
10. MURAOKA, Christopher L.	✓			
11. SOUZA, Kanani	✓			
TOTAL (11)	11			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Terez Amato</i>				
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