

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 150

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 10 2025**

RE: S.B. No. 1243  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 1243 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow foreign medical school graduates applying for a license to practice medicine and surgery to substitute one year of required medical training or experience in a hospital with one year of fellowship training where the parent program or hospital is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from World Education Services.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Medical Board and Hawai'i Pacific Health.

Your Committee finds that international medical graduates (IMG) are well positioned to assist the State in meeting its health care workforce shortages, particularly in underserved areas with physician shortages. Your Committee further finds that fellowship training as a substitute for approved hospital or

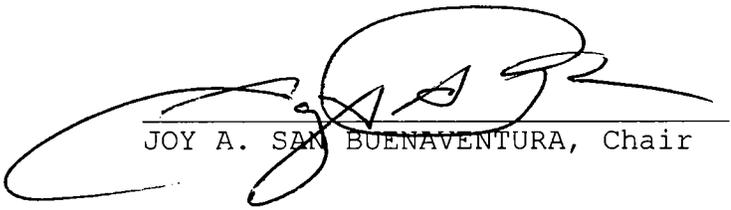


medical training is a meaningful improvement to the current IMG pathway in the State. This measure is an important step in reducing barriers to entry to for international medical graduates.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of December 31, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1243, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1243, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health and Human  
Services,



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair

