

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1965
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1965, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRIMARY CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Primary Care Provider Working Group within the State Health Planning and Development Agency to address issues relating to, and develop recommendations for, the stabilization of primary care services in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Health Planning and Development Agency; AARP Hawai'i; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Kuakini Health System; Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs; Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses; Hawaii Medical Association; American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Hawaii Healthcare Task Force; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Association of Health Plans.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1965, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



CHRIS TODD, Chair



