

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05, 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2159
H.D. 2

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. 2159, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish positions and appropriate funds to the University of Hawai'i to support health care workforce development in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; State Health Planning and Development Agency; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Hawaii Medical Association; Home Care Association of America Hawaii Chapter; LeadingAge Pacific West; Hawaii Association of Health Plans; The Queen's Health Systems; Navian Hawaii; and numerous individuals.

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. 2159, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



CHRIS TODD, Chair



