

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2845

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 2026

RE: S.B. No. 3202
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 3202 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to strengthen the healthcare workforce in the State.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Amends the Healthcare Preceptor Tax Credit to improve accessibility and further promote the education of health care professionals by:
 - (A) Removing language limiting access to only those in primary care;
 - (B) Adding physician assistants, licensed dietitians, and social workers as eligible preceptors and students; and
 - (C) Expanding eligibility to residency and fellowship programs; and



- (2) Revises the membership of the Preceptor Credit Assurance Committee to include the Director of Health and representatives of residency programs with eligible students.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii, Hawaii State Center for Nursing, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, AlohaCare, Hawaii Academy of Physician Assistants, Hawaii Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives, Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii Pacific Health, Hawaii Pharmacists Association, Hawaii Primary Care Association, Hawaii Public Health Institute, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hina Mauka, The Queen's Health Systems, and eight individuals.

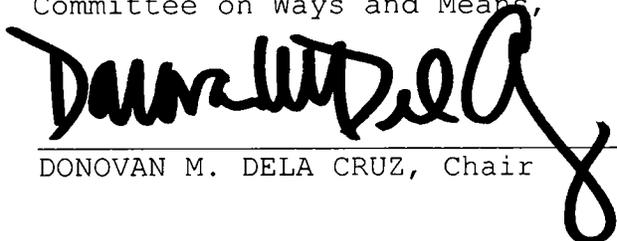
Your Committee finds that there is a shortage of healthcare providers in the State, including primary care providers and specialty providers. Your Committee also finds that, although students are interested in pursuing careers in Hawaii's healthcare service industry, in-state educational institutions are constrained by the lack of clinical education sites in the State and the limited supply of expert clinicians who volunteer as qualified preceptors. Your Committee believes that expanding eligibility for the Healthcare Preceptor Tax Credit, established under section 235-110.25, Hawaii Revised Statutes, will help incentivize more volunteer preceptors to offer professional instruction, training, and supervision to students and residents seeking careers as healthcare providers in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3202, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3202, S.D. 1.



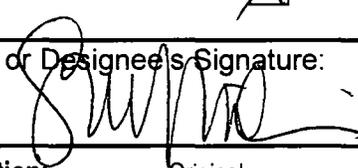
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 3202</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HHS, WAM</i>	Date: <i>3/3/2026</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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
TOTAL	<i>12</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: 				
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