

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 2009

RE: H.B. No. 343  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Health and Higher Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 343, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RURAL PRIMARY HEALTH CARE TRAINING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase access to primary health care services provided by family physicians or residents in the Family Medicine Residency Program at the University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine to medically underserved residents in rural areas of the State by appropriating funds to:

- (1) Support and expand the Family Medicine Residency Program to provide rural primary health care services; and
- (2) Develop a permanent statewide rural primary health care training program in each county, beginning in the county of Hawaii, to expand the rural health care training available for individuals in the Family Medicine Residency Program.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the County of Hawaii, Hawaii Medical Service Association, Hawaii Primary Care Association, Hawaii Medical Association, University of Hawaii at Manoa, AARP, and the Hawaii Association for Justice.



Written testimony presented to your Committees may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committees find that this measure will address the increasing shortages of physicians in rural areas of Hawaii. These training programs will provide rural communities with greater access to physicians and quality health care services.

Your Committees further find that in order to effectively support these training programs, appropriations in the amount of \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2010 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2011 would be needed.

Your Committees have amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Higher Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 343, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 343, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Health and Higher  
Education,



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JILL TOKUDA, Chair



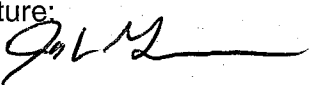
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Health**  
**HTH**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 343 HD 1	HTH/HRE, WAM	3/18/9		
<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
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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