

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

962

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2011

RE: H.B. No. 1203
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1203, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE ASSESSMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make the physician workforce assessment fee permanent and to specify the allowable uses of excess funds from the workforce assessment fee.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System, Hawaii State Rural Health Association, and one private individual. Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the Hawaii Medical Association. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Medical Board.

Your Committee finds that the physician workforce assessment is an essential tool for policy makers to gather reliable information and useful research to transform the medical workforce and medical system in response to the unmet medical needs of Hawaii's population. Your Committee further finds that the physician workforce assessment and its related activities are paid for solely by the physician workforce assessment fee and must remain within the budget provided by that fee.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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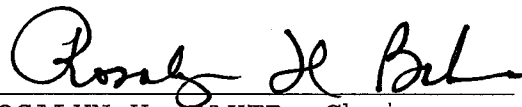


- (1) Adding a provision to remove the expenditure cap from the John A. Burns School of Medicine Special Fund;
- (2) Specifying that the assessment and planning of the physician workforce in Hawaii shall be conducted by the John A. Burns School of Medicine in collaboration with residency programs in this State and the Hawaii Medical Board;
- (3) Specifying the issues to be addressed in the physician workforce planning and assessment funded by the physician workforce assessment fee;
- (4) Directing the John A. Burns School of Medicine to submit annual reports to the Legislature on its physician workforce assessment and planning activities including findings, recommendations, and expenditures; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

Your Committee notes that the language included in this measure as amended is the result of collaboration by various stakeholders.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1203, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1203, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce and
Consumer Protection,

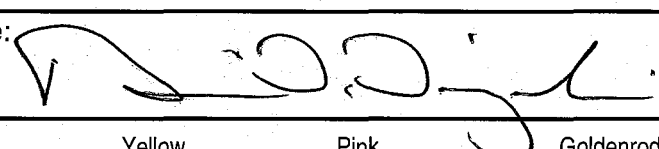


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



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HB1203, HD2	CPN, WAM	3/18/2011		
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The Recommendation is:				
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<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh		✓		
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.		✓		
SOLOMON, Malama		✓		
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	3	3	1	0
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