

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2015

RE: H.R. No. 127

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.R. No. 127
entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE TO
ADDRESS THE PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the ongoing
physician shortage in Hawaii by requesting the Director of Health
to create a task force to address the physician shortage in Hawaii
by considering and making recommendations regarding:

- (1) Assessment and planning of the physician workforce;
- (2) Recruitment and retention of physicians;
- (3) Training and licensing requirements for physicians; and
- (4) Opportunities for foreign medical graduates.

Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii Primary Care Association,
and an individual testified in support of this measure. The
Department of Health and the University of Hawaii provided
comments on this measure.

Your Committee notes that many of the issues in this measure
are currently being reviewed by the Hawaii/Pacific Basin Area
Health Education Center (AHEC) through the Hawaii Physician



Workforce Assessment, Hawaii Health Workforce Committee, and
Hawaii Health Workforce Summit.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your
Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 127 and
recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Higher
Education.

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



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



