

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2375

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2016

RE: S.B. No. 3017

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Higher Education and the Arts and  
Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 3017 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address the  
shortage of family medicine primary care physicians for rural Oahu  
and neighbor island communities by making an appropriation to  
support and expand the medical residency education programs at the  
John A. Burns School of Medicine.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the University of Hawaii System, Hawaii Pacific Health,  
Hawaii Medical Service Association, Hawaii Academy of Family  
Practice, The Queen's Health Systems, and two individuals.


Your Committees find that studies of the physician workforce  
in Hawaii indicate a shortage of seven hundred physicians, with  
the greatest shortages existing in primary care specialties and  
rural areas. Increasing demands on the State's health care system  
due to population growth, aging, and the prevalence of chronic  
diseases require an increase in the existing physician base.  
Access to a personal physician decreases morbidity and mortality,  
promotes early detection and careful management of chronic  
diseases, and controls health care costs by deferring unnecessary  
hospital admissions and unnecessary emergency department visits.



Your Committees also find that considerable educational debt deters medical students from primary care specialties and rural employment because other specialties in urban areas often offer higher compensation.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Higher Education and the Arts and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3017 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Higher Education  
and the Arts and Commerce,  
Consumer Protection, and  
Health,

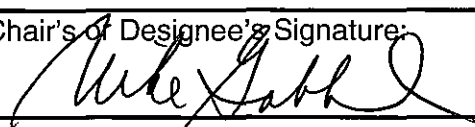
  
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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair

  
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BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Higher Education and the Arts**  
**HEA**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 3017	HEA/CPH, WAM	2-11-16		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	—	—	—
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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