

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1044

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 2015

RE: H.B. No. 847

H.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 847,
H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS
CORPORATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address primary care physician shortages by appropriating funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation primary care training program at Hilo Medical Center.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Hawaii Fire Department; Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce; Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce; Hilo Medical Center Foundation; Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawaii; Hawaii Island Healthcare Alliance; United Public Workers, Local 646; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Hawaii Medical Association; The Queen's Health Systems; Zonta Club of Hilo; Hospice of Hilo; and sixty-seven individuals.'

Your Committee finds that the State faces a severe shortage of healthcare providers. This shortage is particularly acute in the field of primary care, in which most healthcare cost savings result from prevention and early intervention. The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation primary care training program is an effective way to reduce the impact of the shortage of primary care providers and improve access to healthcare throughout the State.

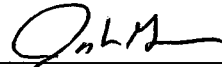
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Administered by Hilo Medical Center in coordination with the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation regions, this interdisciplinary program will generate interdisciplinary teams capable of caring for four times as many patients as independent practicing physicians. Hawaii will benefit greatly as the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation regions' program will eliminate the need to train or attract an unattainable number of physicians.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 847, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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




JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 847, HD1	HTH, WAM	3/18/15		
<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
GREEN, Josh (C)	X			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)				X
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	X			
GABBARD, Mike	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
SLOM, Sam	X			
TOTAL	6	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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