

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 19, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1949  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 1949 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF  
MEDICINE SPECIAL FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand Hawaii residents'  
access to health care by:

- (1) Permitting monies in the John A. Burns School of  
Medicine Special Fund to be used for loan repayment for  
certain health care professionals and removing the cap  
on expenditures from the Special Fund; and
- (2) Making permanent the physician workforce assessment fee  
and related requirements for use of monies in the John  
A. Burns School of Medicine Special Fund.

The University of Hawaii, The Queen's Health Systems, Hawaii  
Medical Association, and several concerned individuals supported  
this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

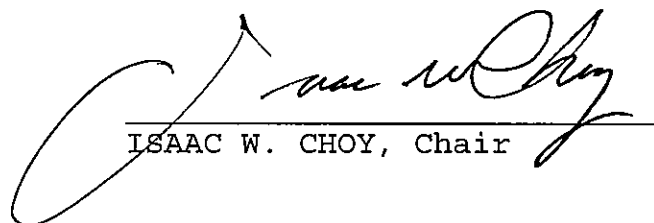
- (1) Retaining the cap on expenditures from the John A. Burns  
School of Medicine Special Fund;



- (2) Extending to June 30, 2021, the sunset date of the physician workforce assessment fee and related requirements for use of monies in the John A. Burns School of Medicine Special Fund;
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2525, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1949, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1949, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Higher Education,

  
ISAAC W. CHOY, Chair



