

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

537

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1531

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1531 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to alleviate the current and
anticipated shortage of nurses in Hawaii by appropriating funds to
the University of Hawaii (UH) to:

- (1) Hire more nursing faculty and support positions;
- (2) Establish a graduate nursing faculty loan program;
- (3) Create a nursing student scholarship program; and
- (4) Increase facilities for nursing programs.

The Hawaii State Center for Nursing, UH Statewide Nursing
Consortium, Hawaii Pacific Health, Hawaii Quentin Burdick Rural
Health Interdisciplinary Training Program, Healthcare Association
of Hawaii, and two concerned individuals testified in support of
this bill. UH and UH School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene
supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

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- (1) Inserting an appropriation of \$400,000 for the Hawaii Quentin Burdick Rural Health Interdisciplinary Training Program; and
- (2) 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. 1531, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1531, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



JERRY I. CHANG Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1531		Date: 2/13/07		
Committee Referral: HED, FIN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to:		<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommitment for further consideration		
HED Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CHANG, Jerry L. (C)	✓			
2. BERTRAM, Joe, III (VC)	✓			
3. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.				✓
4. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	✓			
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
6. SAIKI, Scott K.	✓			
7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.	✓			
8. TAKAI, K. Mark	✓			
9. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	✓			
10. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
11. WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
12. CHING, Corinne W.L.				✓
13. FINNEGAN, Lynn	✓			
TOTAL		11		2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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