

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 2, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 669  
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. 669 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR UNIVERSITY OF  
HAWAII HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE SIMULATION RESOURCE  
LABORATORIES, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve healthcare workforce  
development and training and ultimately ensure patient safety by  
appropriating funds to:

- (1) Establish a network of healthcare workforce simulation  
resource laboratories at Kauai Community College, Maui  
Community College, and the University of Hawaii (UH) at  
Hilo, jointly used and operated by UH at Hilo and Hawaii  
Community College; and
- (2) Expand the simulation laboratory at UH at Manoa, to be  
used in conjunction with Kapiolani Community College.

The Hawaii State Center for Nursing of UH at Manoa School of  
Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Healthcare Association of Hawaii,  
Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses, and several concerned  
individuals testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii  
Government Employees Association supported the intent of this  
measure. UH offered comments.

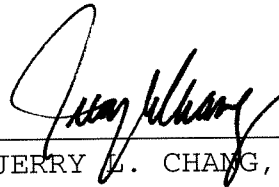


Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation amounts to \$1 to encourage further discussion; 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. 669, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 669, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committees on Health and Labor & Public Employment.

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



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JERRY L. CHANG, Chair



