

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 873 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHING HOSPITALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to study the impact and feasibility of creating a teaching hospital on west Hawaii island.

The University of Hawaii System, Mayor of the County of Hawaii, and Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee notes that the John A. Burns School of Medicine has conducted workforce studies that indicate that the State is nearly 800 physicians short, across all disciplines, when compared to national norms. However, it has been shown that physicians who train in Hawaii remain in the State to practice.

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. 873, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 873, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Lower & Higher Education.

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

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JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair