

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 496 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2153
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2153
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide better access to fetal alcohol spectrum disorder prevention, diagnostic, and treatment by establishing a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder coordinator position in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies supported this bill. The Office of the Lieutenant Governor supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee, having heard and passed a similar measure at an earlier date, has amended this bill by replacing its contents and inserting the substantive contents of H.B. No. 2975 which, due to a flaw in its title, was unable to progress any further.

As amended, this bill appropriates \$300,000 to the Department of Health (DOH) to provide outpatient urgent and extended medical care in West Maui.

Specifically, this bill allows DOH to facilitate West Maui's need for:

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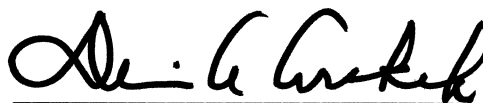


- (1) Urgent care as required for any episode of illness or injury that is not immediately life-threatening and not elective but is brought on unexpectedly;
- (2) Extended appropriate medical care services:
 - (A) After normal physician work hours;
 - (B) After 5:00 p.m. on weekdays
 - (C) For whole or partial days on the weekends; and
 - (D) On holidays;and
- (3) Timely accessibility to emergency medical attention.

The Friends of Maui County Health, West Maui Health Alliance, and several concerned individuals supported this bill as amended. DOH supported the intent of this measure as amended.

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. 2153, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2153, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



