

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2374

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. 2374  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE ADULT MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate emergency funding  
to cover expenses relating to the ongoing operation, services, and  
activities at the Hawaii state hospital, for community-based  
services, and for individuals already placed in community-based  
services.

This bill appropriates \$6,148,944 and \$4,724,703 for fiscal  
year 2005-2006 out of the mental health and substance abuse  
special fund and out of general revenues, respectively, to be used  
to sustain the ongoing operation, services, and activities for  
patients at the Hawaii state hospital, to provide community-based  
services necessary to reduce the census at the Hawaii state  
hospital, and to address expenses relating to those individuals  
who have already been placed in community-based services. The  
appropriated amounts are to be expended by the Department of  
Health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this bill  
from the Department of Health, the Hawaii Disability Rights  
Center, the Hawaii Mental Health Alliance, and the Hawaii  
Psychiatric Medical Association.



Your Committee believes that the emergency appropriations in this measure are necessary, especially in order to comply with the requirements of the settlement agreement and subsequent orders in *United States v. State of Hawaii*, Civil Number 91-00137 (DAE-KSC).

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. 2374 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

  
DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair

