

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2526
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2526, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION AS A GRANT-IN-AID TO THE COUNTY OF HAWAII FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL TO STAFF THE AEROMEDICAL HELICOPTER UNIT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve the delivery of emergency medical services by appropriating funds as a grant-in-aid to Hawaii County for dedicated emergency medical service personnel to staff the aeromedical helicopter unit on the island of Hawaii.

The County of Hawaii and Pacific Medical Assets, Inc., testified in support of this bill. The Department of Health supported the intent of this measure.

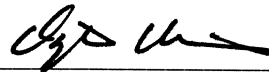
Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, 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 Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2526, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2526, H.D. 2.

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



DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



