

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 9, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 3142  
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. 3142  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAUMA CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to sustain currently available  
trauma care resources by requiring the Department of Human  
Services (DHS) to distribute Disproportionate Share Hospital  
payments to The Queen's Medical Center (Center), under the  
condition that the amount of the Disproportionate Share Hospital  
payments represent 50 percent of the amount of funds provided to  
the Center for fiscal year 2005-2006.

The Center supported this bill. DHS, Department of Health,  
Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and Hawaii Pacific Health  
opposed this bill.

Although your Committee fully recognizes the importance of  
providing adequate financial resources for trauma centers in  
Hawaii, your Committee notes that serious concerns were raised  
regarding the funding mechanism contained in this bill.

In light of these concerns, your Committee has amended this  
bill by deleting its contents and inserting provisions that:



- (1) Establish the Trauma Care Fund to provide reimbursements for documented costs of uncompensated care incurred by a trauma center; and
- (2) Specify dedicated sources of revenue for the Trauma Care Fund.

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. 3142, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3142, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

  
DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



