

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 3259
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 3259, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR DENTAL HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide for the dental health of QUEST-eligible adults and children, the aged, the blind, and the disabled population by appropriating funds for community-based dental health clinics that are operated by community health centers or other community-based organizations.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Hawaii Primary Care Association, Kokua Council, The Arc of Kona, and many concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Health and Hawaii Disability Rights Center supported the intent of this measure.

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. 3259, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



