

Honolulu, Hawaii

Ag: 17, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2348
S.D. 1
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 S.B. No. 2348, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PREPAREDNESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to prepare the State of Hawaii for a potential outbreak of avian influenza by making an emergency appropriation of \$11,000,000 for the Department of Health (DOH) to acquire medication, supplies, laboratory equipment, personal protective equipment, and a data management system for tracking cases and contacts.

DOH and Healthcare Association of Hawaii testified in support of this bill.

Your Committee recognizes the imminent need to adequately prepare for a potential pandemic, however, it is also of critical necessity to ensure that appropriated funds will be spent in an efficient and well-planned manner.

Accordingly, 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 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 S.B. No. 2348, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2348, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

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



DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



