

Honolulu, Hawaii

**APRIL 28**, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2727  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 2  
C.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 2727, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NEUROTRAUMA,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this bill is to allow the neurotrauma special fund to be used for direct services to neurotrauma survivors and require that moneys from the special fund be appropriated to obtain federal and private grant matching funds.

This bill will assist individuals with neurotraumatic injuries in paying for direct services. The neurotrauma special fund that was established in January 2003 for education, assistance with identifying services, and creation of a registry has collected nearly \$1,000,000. This fund now will be permitted to pay for direct services, and to obtain federal and private grant matching funds.



Your Committee on Conference amended this bill by:

- (1) Extending the time in which the Department of Human Services must apply for a traumatic brain injury waiver from 2006 to 2007;
- (2) Including cognitive therapy, personal assistance, respite care, and day health programs as services that assist individuals with neurotraumatic injuries; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to "upon its approval."

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2727, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2727, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



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