

Honolulu, Hawaii

Ag: 124, 2006

RE: S.C.R. No. 118
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 Health, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 118,
S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
BUDGET AND FINANCE TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO RESEARCH
AVENUES OF APPROPRIATE FINANCING FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR
FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS, INCLUDING USE OF
REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Budget
and Finance to research avenues of appropriate financing for
capital improvements for federally qualified health centers,
including use of revolving loan funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from
the Hawaii Primary Care Association and the Waianae Coast
Comprehensive Center. Your Committee received testimony in
opposition to the measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that federally qualified health centers play
a vital role in providing affordable, quality health care.
Research into revolving funds and other financing mechanisms
available for capital improvements need to be conducted to
alleviate the financial constraints of federally qualified health
centers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by requesting the Department of Budget and Finance to convene a task force of interested stakeholders to research appropriate financing instead of the Department of Health.

Your Committee further amended this measure by making technical, non-substantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 118, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 118, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

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



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair

