

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2502

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2035
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2035
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR ENHANCEMENT OF
IMAGING EQUIPMENT FOR WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds as a
grant to Wahiawa General Hospital for enhanced imaging and
diagnostic equipment.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the
Healthcare Association of Hawaii and the Chief Executive Officer
of Wahiawa General Hospital. The Department of Health submitted
testimony in opposition.

Your Committee finds that Wahiawa General Hospital is a small
rural acute care hospital serving central Oahu and the north
shore. Wahiawa General Hospital provides a twenty-eight-bed acute
care medical-surgical unit, the only senior behavioral health
service in the State, a one hundred-three-bed long-term care unit,
a full obstetrical care unit, a 24/7 emergency room, the State's
only family medicine teaching program, and a clinic that serves
primarily low income patients in Mililani. While diligent in
efforts to hold down costs for its service area communities,
Wahiawa General Hospital has been unable to establish a funding
source for capital equipment purchases.

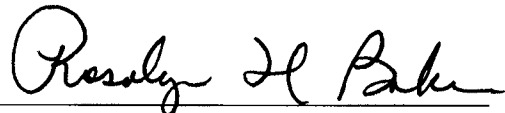


Your Committee finds that it is in the public interest to assist Wahiawa General Hospital to upgrade its imaging capabilities by funding the purchase of computerized tomography equipment, picture archiving and communication systems, computed radiography, equipment and ultrasound equipment.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting the amount of the grant request, \$2,200,000, and specifying that the funds are to be used for improvements to the diagnostic imaging department including equipment, installation, infrastructure and service.

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 S.B. No. 2035, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2035, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Health
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* <i>SB 2035</i>	Committee Referral: <i>ATH, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2/15/06</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (VC)	✓			
HANABUSA, Colleen				✓
TSUTSUI, Shan S.	✓			
WHALEN, Paul				✓
TOTAL	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Suzanne Chun Oakland</i>				
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