

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2264

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb. 17

, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2465

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. 2465
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE QUEEN'S
MEDICAL CENTER TO INCREASE ITS POWER GENERATING CAPACITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make an appropriation grant
to Queen's Medical Center to increase its emergency power
generator system to ensure that it has the maximum capacity of
6,000 kilowatts necessary to function in a disaster.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
Tourism, State Civil Defense, Oahu Civil Defense, the Queen's
Medical Center. Comments were received from Hawaii Pacific
Health.

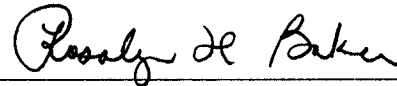
Your Committee finds that The Queen's Medical Center is the
only medical facility in this State with a trauma center that is
certified by the American College of Surgeons. While most
hospitals are equipped with emergency facilities to deal with
patients needing immediate care, a trauma center is specially
equipped for dealing with serious and life-threatening injuries.
A critical component of a properly equipped trauma center is an
operating room served by various medical specialists, diagnostic
equipment, and other life-support systems. It is vital to have
sufficient emergency energy capacity in order to support the
operation of a trauma center during a disaster.



The Queen's Medical Center currently has two emergency generators with a total installed capacity of two thousand kilowatts. It is estimated that peak demand during a disaster would be six thousand kilowatts. Part of this estimated demand is to operate water pumps that draw water from the hospital's private wells if the public supply becomes unavailable. This necessary additional energy capacity will require three additional operating generators and one standby generator. A new storage structure for the generators, one that is capable of withstanding the wind force of a category five hurricane, is also needed.

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. 2465 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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 2465</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HTH, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2/13/06</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input 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>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;"> <i>Suzanne Chun Oakland</i> </div>				
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