

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2577

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. 2577
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR WAIANAEO COAST
COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the
Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center to maintain emergency
room hours of operation from midnight to 8:00 a.m.

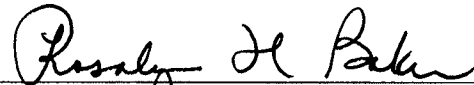
Your Committee received testimony in support of the measure
from the Department of Health and the Waianae Coast Comprehensive
Health Center.

Your Committee finds that the need for twenty-four-hour
emergency room service for the Waianae population of over forty-
two thousand residents continues to accelerate. Every community
marketing study conducted by the Waianae Coast Comprehensive
Health Center lists the availability of twenty-four-hour emergency
medical services as the highest concern. Your Committee further
finds that the Center is the only available medical facility in
the area equipped to handle emergencies and to stabilize victims
of serious trauma. Its emergency room is one of the most heavily
utilized on Oahu and it continues to be the safety net for
uninsured and medically under-served patients. Without the
funding authorized in this bill, the Center may have to eliminate
its overnight emergency, laboratory, or radiology services.



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. 2577 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 2577</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HTH, 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 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>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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*Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.