

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2503**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17

, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3146
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. 3146
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide intra-island
aeromedical services to rural Oahu.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Defense, City and County of Honolulu -
Emergency Services Department, Pacific Medical Assets, and two
individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to
the measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that Army's Military Assistance to
Safety and Traffic (MAST) helicopter will cease civilian
helicopter transports on Oahu due to its planned return to Iraq.
For the past several years, the MAST helicopter has been
transporting critically injured patients who require medical
attention from rural parts of Oahu to metropolitan hospitals and
trauma facilities. This aeromedical helicopter is a tremendous
asset to the medical community and patients whose lives depend on
specialized medical procedures not available to them at their
local hospitals.

Your Committee has amended this measure to allow the
Department of Health to contract with a private entity, in

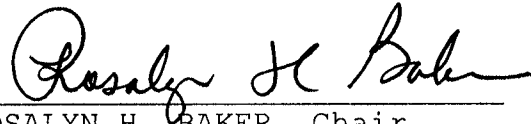
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addition to a government agency or United States military unit, for aeromedical helicopter service. Additionally, your Committee amended this measure to require matching funds from the City and County of Honolulu to be consistent. Aeromedical helicopter service provided on Maui and Big Island require matching funds from the county for which the service is provided.

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. 3146, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3146, 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 3146</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 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>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: <i>Suzanne Chun Oakland</i>				
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*Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.