

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2521

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3155

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. 3155
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOLOKAI GENERAL HOSPITAL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for
capital improvements of the Molokai General Hospital, for release
when the Office of Hawaiian Affairs provides matching funds of \$1
for every \$2 appropriated.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Molokai General Hospital, and
the Healthcare Association of Hawaii submitted testimony in
support of this measure. The Department of Health submitted
comments.

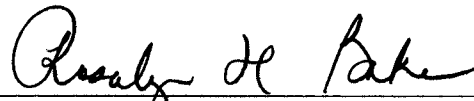
Your Committee finds that Molokai General Hospital, a
subsidiary of the Queen's Health Systems, faces the continuing
challenge of generating sufficient revenue to support its capital
improvements and to meet the health care needs of the population
it serves. Your Committee notes that Molokai General Hospital is
the only hospital on Molokai. Molokai General provides emergency,
urgent, acute, and long-term inpatient care services for Molokai's
residents, many of whom are Native Hawaiian or part Hawaiian.
Providing community-focused, quality health care in a rural,
economically-challenged setting remains very difficult. Support
from the State is vital to maintain health care services for this
island community.



Your Committee further finds that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs has committed matching funds of up to up to \$500,000 per fiscal year for capital improvements and the Phase II renovation and construction project for Molokai General Hospital. Upon completion of Phase II, the building will house laboratory, pharmacy, and dietary facilities, the women's health center, administrative offices, a medical-surgical suite, and classrooms.

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. 3155 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 3155</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: 				
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