

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3156

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. 3156  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR MOLOKAI  
GENERAL HOSPITAL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to  
Molokai General Hospital for operating costs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the measure  
from the Department of Health, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the  
Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and Molokai General Hospital.

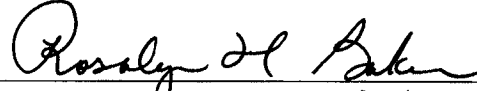
Your Committee finds that Molokai General Hospital generally  
receives most of its financial and management support as a  
subsidiary of Queen's Health Systems. However, as the Healthcare  
Association of Hawaii noted hospitals face continued high costs  
and decreasing reimbursements. Rural hospitals in particular are  
in financial straits because they do not have the volume of  
patients necessary to support the broad array of services needed  
to maintain community health. Sustaining services at Molokai  
General Hospital is critical to the health and safety of residents  
and visitors because it is the sole hospital serving the island  
community of Molokai.

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. 3156 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 3156</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>✓</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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