

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR - 7 2006

RE: S.C.R. No. 118
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.C.R.
No. 118 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH TO RESEARCH AVENUES OF APPROPRIATE FINANCING FOR
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS,
INCLUDING USE OF REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of
Health to research avenues of appropriate financing for capital
improvements for federally qualified health centers, including use
of revolving loan funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Primary Care Association, the Molokai Community
Health Center, the Waikiki Health Center, the Kalihi-Palama Health
Center, the Bay Clinic, Inc., and the Hamakua Health Center, Inc.
Your Committee received testimony in opposition to the measure
from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that federally qualified health centers
play a vital role in providing affordable, quality health care.
Research into revolving funds and other financing mechanisms
available for capital improvements needs to be conducted to
alleviate the financial constraints of federally qualified health
centers.



Your Committee has amended this measure in response to the testimony submitted by the Department of Health by requesting the Department of Health to convene a task force of interested stakeholders to research appropriate financing.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 118, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 118, S.D. 1.

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>SCR 118</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HTH</i>	Date: <i>3/29/06</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>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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