

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 733

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1704  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1704  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide community-based  
governance of Hawaii's state-run hospitals by:

- (1) Splitting the five regions within the Hawaii Health  
Systems Corporation (HHSC); and
- (2) Establishing a regional subsidiary corporation for the  
Maui region as a first step to more regional control for  
all regions.

The Maui Medical Group, Maui Memorial Medical Center's  
Administration, and numerous concerned individuals supported this  
bill. The Hawaii Government Employees Association supported the  
intent of this measure. HHSC, several members of HHSC Board of  
Directors, the administrative bodies of: West Kauai Medical  
Center, Kona Community Hospital, Hilo Medical Center, Ka'u  
Hospital, and Leahi Hospital; and United Public Workers opposed  
this bill. The Office of Informational Practices submitted  
comments.

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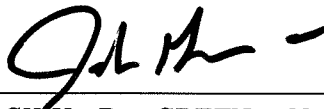
Your Committee has requested that stake-holders in this important measure meet with one another to work out their differences, develop an amicable solution for all parties, and provide the recommendations by March 1, 2007. It is apparent by the strong showing of this bill's proponents from Maui that the Maui region needs some form of independence to develop appropriate health care plans and facilities that serve Maui's specific communities' needs in the best possible way.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2500, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 1704, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1704, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,



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JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



