

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 222

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 9, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 843
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. 843
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO KAHUKU HOSPITAL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Hawaii Health
Systems Corporation (HHSC) to bring Kahuku Hospital under its
governance through formal affiliation with the HHSC and to provide
for transitional facilitation by the Director of Health.

HHSC, the Principal of Kahuku High and Intermediate School,
Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Polynesian Cultural Center,
Koolau Loa Neighborhood Board No. 28, United Public Workers
AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO, Staples Realty, Inc., and numerous
concerned individuals supported this bill. The Department of
Health supported the intent of this measure. The State
Procurement Office submitted comments on this bill.

Your Committee remains cognizant of the financial
implications that may be incurred due to affiliating Kahuku
Hospital with HHSC and finds that it is important that DOH
continue to monitor the impact this action may have on the State's
healthcare system and advise the Legislature on any long-term
problems that may occur.



Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Deleting the provision that exempted Kahuku Hospital, upon becoming affiliated with HHSC, from the Chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), the State Procurement Code and Chapter 103F, HRS, purchases of Health and Human Services; 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. 843, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 843, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



