

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1906

Honolulu, Hawaii

A-25 , 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1457

S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 1457, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate emergency funding necessary to cover increasing expenses relating to the ongoing operation, services, and activities of the Developmental Disabilities Division (DD Division) of the Department of Health (DOH).

Pursuant to the requirements set forth in Article VII, Section 9, of the Hawaii State Constitution, the Governor, in her Governor's Message No. 248 to the Legislature, requested immediate consideration and passage of this bill by the Legislature citing an existing critical funding shortage.

Specifically, this bill appropriates \$4,980,523 for fiscal year 2006-2007 out of general revenues to be used to:

- (1) Sustain the ongoing operation and services of the DD Division of DOH;

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- (2) Provide individuals with developmental disabilities or mental retardation, home and community-based services; and
- (3) Increase admission into Medicaid State Plan Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded in the Community Program.

This bill further appropriates \$4,111,237 to increase the expenditure ceiling of the Interdepartmental Transfer Fund.

DOH, the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, and Family Voices of Hawaii testified in support of this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Specifying DOH as the expending agency for the additional appropriation of \$4,111,237; 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 Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1457, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1457, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

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



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



