

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1377

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1377
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE
HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enable the Hawaii Health
Systems Corporation to provide quality health care and pay for
operational costs that will exceed the current expenditure
ceiling.

Specifically, this measure increases the expenditure ceiling
on the Health Systems Special Fund and makes an emergency
appropriation out of the special fund to the Hawaii Health Systems
Corporation to pay for increased operational costs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Your Committee finds that health care costs have
substantially increased beyond amounts anticipated in the Hawaii
Health Systems Corporation's 2006-2007 budget. Your Committee
further finds that this measure is not a request for an
appropriation from the general fund. It raises the expenditure
ceiling of the existing Health Systems Special Fund by
\$41,000,000.

An expenditure ceiling increase of \$41,000,000 for the Health
Systems Special Fund is required to pay for additional staff hired


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for the conversion of Kula, Hale Ho'ola Hamakua, and Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospitals to critical access hospital status; for hospitalist programs at Hilo Medical Center, Maui Memorial Medical Center, and Kona Community Hospital; to operate the medical/surgical wing of Maui Memorial Medical Center; to staff imaging departments; to provide physicians for specialty coverage; and to help cover the increasing costs of providing quality healthcare.

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. 1377, 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,




DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <p style="text-align:center">HB 1377</p>	Committee Referral: <p style="text-align:center">HTH, WAM</p>	Date: <p style="text-align:center">3/14/07</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <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	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
MENOR, Ron				✓
WHALEN, Paul				✓
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes