

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

712

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 153

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. 153  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that residents of the  
Waianae Coast of Oahu receive appropriate medical care by  
appropriating funds to the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health  
Center (WCCHC) for emergency services.

WCCHC and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs testified in support  
of this bill. The Department of the Attorney General offered  
comments.

Your Committee finds that since 1976, the State has provided  
annual subsidies to operate WCCHC's emergency room, one of the  
most heavily used facilities of its kind on Oahu.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Clarifying that the appropriation is a grant pursuant to  
chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity,  
consistency, and style.

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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. 153, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 153, 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



