

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 15, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2063
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2063
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve survival rates of heart attack victims by requiring the Department of Health (DOH) to establish a two-year pilot project on Oahu to equip paramedics to transmit electrocardiogram data in the field or in ambulances directly to a hospital's emergency room or to a cardiologist prior to a cardiac patient's arrival at an emergency room.

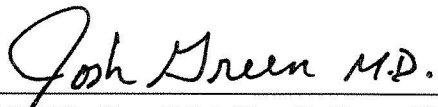
Several concerned individuals supported this bill. The Honolulu Emergency Services Department opposed this measure. DOH submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by replacing its contents with provisions creating the wireless electrocardiogram project task force to review the City and County of Honolulu's (CCHNL) Wireless Electrocardiogram Project and data on costs, implementation, required staff, and other information currently gathered by the CCHNL's Emergency Medical Services Department and DOH to evaluate the project's potential for expansion and improvement.



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. 2063, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2063, 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



