

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 13, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2118
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. 2118
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TUBERCULOSIS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve treatment and care for
tuberculosis patients by appropriating funds to support programs
that:

- (1) House tuberculosis patients and provide inpatient care
to uninsured and underinsured tuberculosis patients;
- (2) Provide coverage for secured housing for nonadherent
tuberculosis patients and treatment of multidrug-
resistant or other complicated cases of tuberculosis on
a case-by-case basis; or
- (3) Retrofit rooms in facilities for AFB (acid-fast bacillus
smear, culture, and sensitivity) isolation or secured
housing for nonadherent tuberculosis patients, or both,
based on a demonstration of local needs and on standards
developed by the department of health.

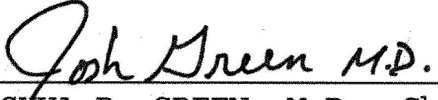
The Department of Health (DOH) opposed this bill. The
Attorney General submitted comments.



Upon further consideration, your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that DOH is to fund operations that meet the objectives listed in the purpose paragraph.

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. 2118, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2118, 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



