

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1356

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 22, 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1463
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 S.B. No. 1463
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 make an emergency
appropriation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to pay for
operational costs.

More specifically, the measure increases the expenditure
ceiling of the health systems special fund, and appropriates
\$41,000,000 out of that fund for the corporation to pay for the
increasing costs of providing health care that includes additional
staff, including physicians for specialty coverage, the conversion
of certain hospitals to critical access hospital status, and to
operate the medical and surgical wing at Maui Memorial Medical
Center.

The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation submitted testimony in
support of the measure.

Your Committee finds that the current special fund
expenditure ceiling is insufficient to cover the Hawaii Health
Systems Corporation's operational costs of providing health care
for fiscal year 2006-2007. This emergency appropriation will
allow the continuation of quality health care services necessary

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to meet community health care needs, particularly on the neighbor islands.

Upon further consideration, your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2121 to facilitate further discussion on the issue.

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 S.B. No. 1463, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1463, 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



