

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1512

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 23, 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1804  
S.D. 2  
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 Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 1804, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TRAUMA SYSTEM SPECIAL FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to establish additional funding resources for the Trauma System Special Fund to ensure the continued viability of trauma centers in the state. This bill:

- (1) Establishes surcharges for traffic violations and various criminal convictions related to violence;
- (2) Establishes surcharges for violations that result in accidents involving death or bodily injury;
- (3) Requires the Department of Health (DOH) to establish a methodology to calculate costs incurred by hospitals providing care to trauma patients for reimbursement purposes; and
- (4) Makes appropriations into and out of the Special Fund.



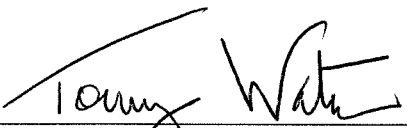
Hawaii Pacific Health, The Queen's Medical Center, and Healthcare Association of Hawaii testified in support of this bill. DOH, the Department of the Attorney General, and the Department of Budget and Finance offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Clarified that the surcharges apply to crimes of violence found in Chapters 707 and 708, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency and to correct drafting errors.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1804, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1804, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary,

  
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TOMMY WATERS, Chair



