

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

712

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1454

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1454 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL FACILITIES SPECIAL FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to rename the hospital and medical facilities special fund to the office of health care assurance special fund to reflect the current name of the Office of Health Care Assurance.

This measure also requires that all moneys collected by the Office of Health Care Assurance in the form of fees and fines be deposited into the fund and allows the moneys deposited to be used to offset the Office of Health Care Assurance's operational expenses.

No comments were submitted.

Your Committee finds that there is a need to rename the hospital and medical facilities special fund to reflect the change in the office's name to the Office of Health Care Assurance in 1998. Additionally, current uses of the moneys in this fund are limited to offsetting the office's educational program expenses. However, due to increased demands, operating expenses have increased. Your Committee further finds that this bill, allowing fees and fines to be deposited into the fund and allowing the moneys to be used for the Office of Health Care Assurance's operational expenses, will allow the Office of Health Care

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Assurance to continue to carry out its functions by offsetting operational costs, in lieu of annual general fund budget requests.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1454 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB1454	HTH, WAM	2/26/07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
MENOR, Ron	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
WHALEN, Paul				/
TOTAL	10	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
Distribution:				
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