

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1463

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

Madam:

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 emergency measure is to increase the
expenditure ceiling of the Health Systems Special Fund.

Specifically, this measure makes an emergency appropriation
of \$41,000,000, for fiscal year 2006-2007, to cover the increasing
costs of providing quality health care, including:

- (1) Staff hired for the conversion of Kula, Kale Ho'ola
Hamakua, and Samuel Mahelona Memorial Medical Hospitals
to critical access hospital status;
- (2) Hospitalist programs at Hilo Medical Center, Maui
Memorial Medical Center, and Kona Community Hospital;
- (3) The operation of the medical/surgical wing at Maui
Memorial Medical Center;
- (4) The staffing of the imaging departments; and
- (5) To provide physicians for specialty coverage.



Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and People United to Support a Second Hospital.

Your Committee finds that this measure is necessary to ensure Hawaii Health Systems Corporation will be able to continue providing quality health services to Hawaii residents throughout the remainder of this fiscal year, the cost of which has exceeded the current fiscal year budget as anticipated.

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 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

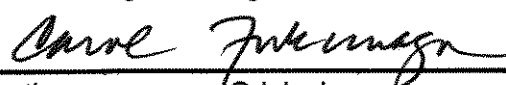


DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Health
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1463	Committee Referral: HTH, WAM	Date: 2-7-07		
<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
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
MENOR, Ron				✓
WHALEN, Paul	✓			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes