

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1724

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. 1724
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE WAIANA
COAST COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER EMERGENCY ROOM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide for the
continuation of 24-hour a day emergency care services to residents
of Waianae.

Specifically, this measure appropriates \$1,500,000, for each
year of the 2007-2009 fiscal biennium to the Waianae Coast
Comprehensive Health Center as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F,
Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the
Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawai'i Primary Care Association, and
the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center.

Your Committee finds that the Waianae Coast Comprehensive
Health Center is the only full service medical center on the
Waianae coast. The Health Center is a vital resource for our
State emergency preparedness with respect to natural disasters,
pandemics and other disasters. It provides an essential staging
area to fly patients in trauma to Queen's Medical Center. Its
emergency room is one of the most heavily utilized on Oahu.

Your Committee finds the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health
Center serves primarily low-income, uninsured and under insured

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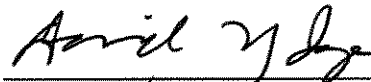


patients and expends a great deal of its resources caring for the large number of homeless people in the area.

Your Committee further finds that without adequate funding, the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center may have to eliminate essential emergency, lab, and radiology services, leaving community residents vulnerable to life threatening health situations. Therefore, your Committee finds that the appropriations made by this measure are an important use of state resources.

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. 1724 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
State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1724	Committee Referral: HTH, WAM	Date: <i>2-7-07</i>		
<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	<i>4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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