

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 14 2008RE: S.B. No. 2535
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Health and Judiciary and Labor, to which
was referred S.B. No. 2535 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish additional
funding mechanisms to enhance the availability of revenues in the
Trauma System Special Fund to ensure the availability of care for
trauma patients in the State.

Specifically, this measure expands the resources available
for trauma care by:

- (1) Establishing surcharges for traffic violations, use of
intoxicants while operating a vehicle, crimes of
violence, and drug related offenses;
- (2) Establishes surcharges for accidents involving death or
serious bodily injury, accidents involving bodily injury
and substantial bodily injury, and statewide traffic
code penalties;
- (3) Clarifies that moneys in the Trauma System Special Fund
include, among other things, trauma system surcharges
and cigarette tax revenues;



- (4) Provides guidelines for the methodology used in calculating costs incurred by hospitals providing care to trauma patients; and
- (5) Appropriates an unspecified amount for fiscal year 2008-2009, for deposit into the Trauma System Special Fund.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, The Queen's Medical Center, and Hawaii Pacific Health.

Your Committees find that additional resources are needed immediately to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of our State. The Trauma System Special Fund was designed to subsidize trauma care. However, due to the extremely high costs of trauma care, revenues need to be increased to ensure the financial viability of hospitals that provide it.

Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Judiciary and Labor that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2535, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2535, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and
Judiciary and Labor,


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair


DAVID V. IGE, Chair



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The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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	3	1		1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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TANIGUCHI, BRIAN T. (C)	✓			
HEE, Clayton (VC)				✓
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	2
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