

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2460

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2008

RE: S.B. No. 3136
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 3136
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH FOR A MONUMENT TO BE PLACED IN KALAWAO COUNTY
RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO WERE SENT TO KALAUPAPA WITH HANSEN'S
DISEASE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the
Department of Health for a monument to be placed in Kalawao County
recognizing those who were sent to Kalaupapa with Hansen's
disease.

Testimony in support of the measure was submitted by Ka 'Ohana
O Kalaupapa, the United Church of Christ, the Hawaiian Political
Action Council of Hawaii, and thirteen individuals. Testimony in
opposition of the measure was submitted by the Department of
Health and the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that Hansen's disease, or leprosy, is a
chronic infectious disease caused by a bacteria that, left
untreated, can become progressive and result in damage to the
skin, nerves, limbs, and eyes. From 1866 to 1969, approximately
eight thousand individuals with Hansen's disease were forced to
relocate at Kalaupapa. In their honor, the National Park Service
maintains Kalaupapa as a National Historic Park, and the National
Park Service and the Department of Health have executed an

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agreement whereby, among other things, the Department of Health provides healthcare programs for Hansen's disease patients residing at Kalaupapa. This measure appropriates funds for the construction of a monument in Kalawao County in recognition of those sent to Kalaupapa with Hansen's disease.

Testimony provided indicated the current agreement between the National Park Service and the Department of Health may hamper erection of a monument under this measure. Additionally, a separate effort on the federal level for the erection of a monument at Kalaupapa is currently proceeding through Congress. Your Committee determines that to avoid jeopardizing or curtailing the federal efforts, funding should be provided for the monument's erection through alternative means.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by removing the appropriation and including a grant to Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa for the Kalaupapa memorial.

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. 3136, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3136, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

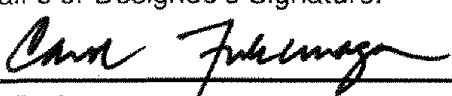


DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



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 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Health
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 3136	Committee Referral: HTH	Date: 02-14-08		
<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 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	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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