

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

398

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2007

RE: S.B. No. 852

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. 852
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand the availability of
medical care on the island of Hawaii.

Specifically, this measure charges the Department of Health
with establishing a pilot program in cooperation with emergency
medical services, the Hawaii Fire Department, Hawaii Health
Systems Corporation, and community clinics in the Ocean View and
Volcano communities of the island of Hawaii to provide additional
urgent care services and appropriates an unspecified amount of
money in each year of the 2007-2009 fiscal biennium for that
purpose.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the
mayor of the County of Hawaii. Testimony in opposition to this
measure was submitted by the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that the island of Hawaii is
experiencing a health care crisis, due largely in part to its
rural nature. The proposed pilot program will assess the efficacy
of alternative service delivery, such as mobile medical vans,
determine the availability of staff, assess feasibility and cost-
benefit ratios, recommend appropriate legislation, and involve
the appropriate community stakeholders in addressing the urgent
care needs of these communities. Your Committee finds this pilot

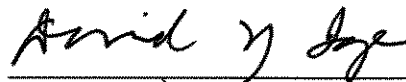
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program is necessary to determine the best way to meet the health and medical needs of the Ocean View and Volcano residents.

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. 852 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

Record of Votes
Committee on Health
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 852	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	5			
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