

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 248

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 13, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 701
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 701
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS
CORPORATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to allow the Hawaii Health
Systems Corporation (HHSC) to substantially reduce or eliminate
direct patient care services at its facilities after a community
informational meeting, approval from the HHSC Regional System
Board, ratification by the HHSC Board, and notice to the Governor
and the Legislature. The reinstatement of the affected services
can occur only with the enactment of appropriate legislation,
including funding.

HHSC, the Kauai Region of HHSC, and the West Hawaii Region of
HHSC testified in support of the bill. The Hawaii Government
Employees Association submitted testimony in opposition to the
measure. Comments were received by ILWU Local 142.



To facilitate further discussion, your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Inserting a defective effective date of July 1, 2020;
and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 701, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 701, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



RYAN L. YAMANE, Chair



