

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

152

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2011

RE: S.B. No. 1139

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1139 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds from the Community Health Centers Special Fund to be used by community health centers in the State to meet critical health care needs of many of Hawaii's residents.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Ho'ola Lahui Hawai'i and Papa Ola Lokahi. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that community health centers are one of Hawaii's most important health care assets and they have become even more essential to health care delivery in the State during the current hard economic times. Your Committee also finds that it is essential to the welfare of Hawaii's residents to continue to fund community health centers so that they can continue to provide critical services.


According to the Department of Health, the Department was unable to release cigarette tax revenue collected in fiscal year 2008-2009 to the community health centers because the actual amount of tax revenue collected during that year was significantly less than the \$9,000,000 estimate stated in section 1 of this measure. Your Committee recommends that the information be deleted or amended to accurately reflect these facts as this



measure proceeds through the legislative process. Your Committee also notes that the funds appropriated under this measure should be used only for operational expenses of the community health centers.

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. 1139 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,



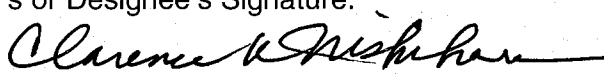
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JOSH GREEN, M.D., Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Health**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 1139</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HTH, WAM</b>	Date: <b>02/02/11</b>		
<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
GREEN, M.D., Josh (C)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile				✓
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>3</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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