STAND. COM. REP. NO. 589

Honolulu, Hawaii H.B. No. 872

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 872 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FROM THE NURSING FACILITY SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM SPECIAL FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation of \$12,000,000 out of the nursing facility sustainability program special fund for fiscal year 2012-2013 to be used for purposes authorized by the nursing facility sustainability program special fund, including reimbursement of moneys advanced from the health care payments program.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Department of Human Services and the Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the nursing facility sustainability program special fund was established by Act 156, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, to help fund increasing health care costs for Medicaid enrollees in private nursing facilities. because of a technical omission, moneys in the special fund could not be expended as intended. Instead, moneys from the health care payments program were used to make supplemental payments to nursing facilities so that payments would not be delayed. Accordingly, your Committee finds that this emergency appropriation is necessary to reimburse the moneys advanced from

the health care payments program and to continue to make timely supplemental payments to nursing facilities from the nursing facility sustainability program special fund for the rest of the fiscal year.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 872 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance**

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date	2/13/	, 1
HB 872	HLT/HUS,	EIN		7
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold				
Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)				
3. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (VC)				
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.				
5. HASHEM, Mark J.				
6. ING, Kaniela				
7. JORDAN, Jo				
8. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
9. LOWEN, Nicole E.			<del></del>	
10. MORIKAWA, Dee				
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
12. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
14. WOODSON, Justin H.				
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
16. FUKUMOTO, Beth				
17. WARD, Gene				
TOTAL (17)	17			
The recommendation is:  Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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