

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1113

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01 2013

RE: H.B. No. 872

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, 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 and intent of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation out of the nursing facility sustainability program special fund.

More specifically, this measure makes 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 the purposes of the special fund, including reimbursement of moneys advanced from the health care payments program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from 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. However, 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

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nursing facilities to prevent delay of payments to those facilities. Accordingly, your Committee finds that this emergency appropriation is necessary to reimburse the moneys advanced from the health care payments program and to continue timely supplemental payments to nursing facilities from the nursing facility sustainability program special fund for the rest of the fiscal year. This measure will prevent any disruptions in the provision of medically necessary services to Medicaid recipients.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means 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 Ways and Means,

  
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB872</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HMS, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3-22-13</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
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert				✓
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:right; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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