

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 8, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 1483

H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1483 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure, as received by your Committees, is to further advance the State's commitment to provide quality health care by allowing the operations of the regional systems of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) and their facilities to transition to non-public status.

The Mayor of the County of Maui, Maui Memorial Medical Center, Banner Health, and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. The HHSC and the John A. Burns School of Medicine testified in support of the intent of this measure. The Hawaii Government Employees Association, Hawaii State AFL-CIO, and numerous individuals opposed this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance and an individual commented on this measure.

Your Committees find that it is evident from the extensive testimony received and the hearing discussion, that there are still many unknowns in the proposed partnership and transition to non-public status. Much work still must be done to gain understanding and support for such an agreement from the regional hospitals and the communities that are serviced by these hospitals, including the general population, as well as

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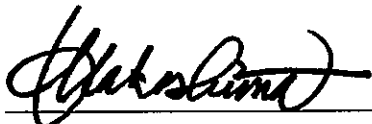
physicians, nurses, hospital employees, support staff, and others. Understanding and trust must be fostered with the exclusive representatives of hospital personnel to ensure a smooth transition to non-public status, should such a transition occur.

Upon careful consideration, your Committees have amended this measure by deleting its contents and inserting new language, the purpose of which is to establish a nine-member task force to study the feasibility of allowing the operations of one or more regional systems of the HHSC, or one or more of its individual health facilities, to transition to non-public status.

Your Committees note that administrative support will be needed to assist and facilitate the work of the task force.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Labor & Public Employment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1483, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1483, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Health and Labor  
& Public Employment,



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